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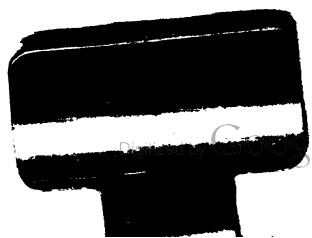
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ANDREW LINCOLN ARTHUR

M. I. GRAND MASTER

Elected May 17, 1922.

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After a short stay in England, he returned to New York. Mr. S. was in the United States for the first time in 1870. On his return he was met by the celebrated architect, J. C. Fox, and he remained in New York, after which he spent 26 years in the building of the huts and furnishing goods for the army. His connection was with the well-known firm of Messrs. Fox & Co., of New York.

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he was a member of the American Society of Civil Engineers. On January 4, 1900, he was elected a member of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers. In 1905 he started work for the American Society of Mechanical Engineers. He served as Washington, D. C., and was a member of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers.

He received the
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BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

OF

ANDREW LINCOLN ARTHUR

M. I. Grand Master from May 17, 1921, to May 16, 1922

(Portrait Frontispiece)

ANDREW LINCOLN ARTHUR was born at New York Mills, New York, October 20, 1861, and is therefore serving as Grand Master in his sixty-first year. He received his education in the public schools of Cohoes, New York, after which he spent 36 years in mercantile business in the hats and furnishing goods line. Twenty years of this time was with the well known firm of J. L. Hudson Co., of Detroit.

He removed to Pontiac a few years ago and is now in the employ of the Oakland Motor Car Co., manufacturers of automobiles.

He was married at Gloversville, New York, on October 26, 1887, to Clara P. Frank, and two sons have been born to them.

Companion Arthur started on his Masonic journey when he was initiated into Ashlar Lodge No. 91 of Detroit on February 4, 1904; passed February 18 and raised March 10. In 1905 he started as a Steward and steadily advanced until he served as Worshipful Master in 1910.

He received the chapter degrees in Peninsular Chapter No. 16, R. A. M., of Detroit as follows: Mark, August 31; Past and Most Excellent, September 7, and Royal Arch, September 14, 1904.

In the Cryptic Rite he received the Royal and Select de-

grees in Monroe Council No. 1, of Detroit, on March 5, 1906, and the Super Excellent on March 17. After removing to Pontiac he transferred his membership April 7, 1913, and starting as Steward in 1912, he was promoted until he was elected Thrice Illustrious Master in 1916.

In the Grand Council he was started as Grand Steward in 1916 and regularly advanced until he was elected Most Illustrious Grand Master, May 17, 1921, and has enjoyed a very successful year. He has granted dispensations for two new councils, bringing the total for Michigan up to seventy-two.

He has been active in visiting the subordinate councils and encouraging them in their work, giving special emphasis to the dramatization of the Super Excellent degree.

He was knighted in Pontiac Commandery No. 2, at Pontiac, receiving the Red Cross May 13, 1919, the Knight of Malta May 13, and Knight Templar June 17. He received the degrees of Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite to the 32° in Michigan Sovereign Consistory of Detroit in October, 1920.

PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
GRAND COUNCIL
OF
Royal and Select Masters
OF THE
STATE OF MICHIGAN
AT THE
Sixty-fourth Annual Assembly
AT GRAND RAPIDS

Commencing Monday, May 15, 1922

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CHRONOLOGY

TITLES OF MEETINGS AND DATES, OF BODIES COMPOSED EXCLUSIVELY OF MASONS.

Ancient Craft Masons commence their era with the creation of the world, calling it Anno Lucius (A. L.), "in the year of light."

Lodges F. & A. M. hold "Communications". Add 4000 to 1922 equals A. L. 5922.

Royal Arch Masons date from the year the second temple was commenced by Zerubbabel, Anno Inventionis (A. I.), "in the year of discovery."

Chapters R. A. M. hold "Convocations". Add 530 to 1922, equals A. L. 2452.

Royal and Select Masters date from the year in which the temple of Solomon was completed, Anno Depositonis (A. Dep.), "in the year of the deposit."

Councils R. and S. M. hold "Assemblies". Add 1000 to 1922, equals A. Dep. 2922.

Knights Templar commence their era with the organization of their order, Anno Ordinis (A. O.), "in the year of the order."

Commanderies K. T. hold "Conclaves". Subtract 1118 from 1922, equals A. O. 804.

Order of High Priesthood dates from the year of the blessing of Abraham by the High Priest Melchisedek, Anno Benedictionis (A. B.), "in the year of the blessing."

Councils of Anointed High Priests hold "Convocations". Add 1913 to 1922 A. B. 3835.

Scottish Rite, same as Ancient Craft, except the Jewish chronology is used, Anno Mundi (A. M.), "in the year of the world."

Consistories A. and A. S. R. hold "Rendezvous". Add 3760 to 1922, equals A. M. 5682.

Temples A. A. O. N. M. S. hold "Sessions". Each thirty years from the Hejra, or July 15, A. D. 622, constitute a cycle. Nineteen of these years contain 355 days and eleven 356.

TRANSACTIONS
OF THE
Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters
OF THE
STATE OF MICHIGAN
(Organized at Detroit, January 13, 1858.)

SIXTY-FOURTH ANNUAL ASSEMBLY

First Day—Evening Session

*Grand Rapids, Michigan,
Monday, May 15, 1922,
At 7:30 P. M.*

Opening

The Sixty-fourth Annual Assembly of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of the State of Michigan was called to order at 7:30 o'clock Monday evening, May 15, 1922, in Masonic Temple in the City of Grand Rapids, M. I. Grand Master Andrew L. Arthur presiding. The Grand Chaplain led the companions in opening prayer.

Distinguished Visitors

Distinguished visitors were announced and the Grand Master requested Companion Lou B. Winsor, P. G. M., to introduce the visitors, Companion Wm. F. Kuhn, P. G. M. of Missouri and General Grand High Priest of the General Grand Chapter, Royal Arch Masons U. S. A.; also Companion Charles C. Thomas, M. I. Grand Master of the Grand Council of Indiana. These distinguished companions were received with Grand Honors and welcomed by the Grand Master.

Comp. Kuhn responded to the welcome with many witty remarks concerning his early life in Michigan, where he had lived from eight years of age until he grew to manhood.

The remarks of Comp. Thomas were reserved for later in the session.

Roll Call

The Grand Recorder then called the roll of Grand Council, after which as Credential Committee he reported the following members present and entitled to seats in Grand Council:

GRAND COUNCIL OFFICERS.

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| ANDREW L. ARTHUR..... | M. I. Grand Master |
| HOWARD E. SLOCUM..... | Deputy Grand Master |
| WILLIS V. CAPRON..... | Grand Prin. Conductor of Work |
| DALLAS D. ALTON..... | Grand Treasurer |
| CHARLES A. CONOVER..... | Grand Recorder |
| FRANK SCADDEN, P. G. M..... | Grand Lecturer |
| JOHN CLAFLIN..... | Grand Chaplain |
| CHARLES W. MIXER..... | Grand Captain of Guard |
| WILLARD B. OAKES..... | Grand Conductor of Council |
| NEIL E. REID..... | Grand Steward |
| JAMES F. MCGREGOR..... | Grand Sentinel |

PAST GRAND MASTERS

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| 33 | WILLIAM GILSON HUDSON, (1882) | Ludington |
| | EMERSON MERRIMAN NEWELL, (1894) | Fenton |
| | ITHAMAR TITUS SMITH, (1901) | Toledo, Ohio |
| | JOHN H. KINGSLEY, (1903) | Manchester |
| | DALLAS DOW ALTON, (1904) | Fremont |
| 33 | FRANK OSCAR GILBERT, (1907) | Bay City |
| 33 | CHARLES HENRY PATTERSON, (1908) | Jackson |
| | WILLIAM PRICE PERRY, (1910) | Hillsdale |
| | JOHN NICHOL, (1911) | Ionia |
| 33 | FRANK POMEROY WILCOX, (1912) | Detroit |
| 33 | LOU BARNEY WINSOR, (1913) | Grand Rapids |
| | CLARENCE ALBERT HOWARD, (1916) | Three Rivers |
| | FRANK VINTON HALE, (1917) | Pontiac |
| | CHARLES EDGAR CONVERSE, (1917) | Grand Rapids |
| | FRANK SCADDEN, (1919) | Crystal Falls |
| | H. BURR LEE, (1920) | Petoskey |

STANDING COMMITTEES.

JURISPRUDENCE.

LOU B. WINSOR, Grand Rapids.

CHARLES H. PATTERSON, Jackson.

FRANK V. HALE, Pontiac.

FINANCE.

FRANK P. WILCOX, Detroit.

JOHN H. KINGSLEY, Manchester.

OBITUARIES.

REV. JOHN CLAFLIN, Eaton Rapids.

H. BURR LEE, Petoskey.

CORRESPONDENCE.

CHARLES A. CONOVER, Coldwater.

RITUAL.

CHARLES A. CONOVER, Coldwater.

FRANK SCADDEN, Crystal Falls.

CHARLES H. PATTERSON, Jackson.

FRANK O. GILBERT, Bay City.

REPRESENTATIVES OF COUNCILS.

MONROE NO. 1.—Gledhill Akroyd, T. I. M.; John B. Gibson, D. M.;
Fred C. Raider, P. C. W.; Daniel W. McMillan, P. T. I. M.

PONTIAC NO. 3.—Albert E. Chesley, T. I. M.; F. Homer Newton, P.
T. I. M.

RIVER RAISIN NO. 4.—J. Golden Zabel, T. I. M.

JONESVILLE NO. 5.—DeWitt C. Strait, T. I. M.

MOUNT MORIAH NO. 6.—Lloyd L. Livermore, proxy T. I. M.

MT. CLEMENS NO. 8.—Albert B. Gemmer, T. I. M.; Arthur S. Hudson,
D. M.

ZABUD NO. 9.—Thomas D. Ensign, T. I. M.; Wm. E. Goff, P. T. I. M.

TYRE NO. 10.—Claud E. Long, T. I. M.; Myron E. Spencer, D. M.;
George Vrugink, P. C. W.; Geo. King Phillips, P. T. I. M.; E. J.

McMillan, P. T. I. M.; Walter H. Booth, P. T. I. M.; Guy John-
ston, P. T. I. M.

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IONIA NO. 12.—Warner K. McSween, T. I. M.

STURGIS NO. 13.—George W. Olds, D. M.

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NILES NO. 19.—H. C. Lockard, proxy T. I. M.

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I. M.

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PORTLAND NO. 23.—Chas. F. Gilden, proxy T. I. M.; Joseph Morse,
P. T. I. M.

ADONIRAM NO. 24.—Austin Yocum, D. M.

KING SOLOMON NO. 25.—Fred Everett, T. I. M.

CLINTON NO. 26.—D. Whitney Palmer, proxy T. I. M.

OCEANA NO. 27.—D. J. Halstead, proxy T. I. M.

LANSING NO. 29.—Charles A. Torrey, T. I. M.

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I. M.

ITHACA NO. 33.—Leland Helfer, T. I. M.

BLANCHARD NO. 34.—Homer W. Whaley, D. M.

UNION CITY NO. 35.—George G. Gray, proxy T. I. M.

CHARLOTTE NO. 36.—Ernest L. Hunter, T. I. M.

NEBUZARADAN NO. 37.—Taylor Simanton, T. I. M.

CORUNNA NO. 38.—Bert L. Johnson, T. I. M.

HOLLY NO. 39.—Ernest C. Walton, T. I. M.; W. Fulton Patterson,
D. M.

LAWRENCE NO. 43.—Not represented.

ST. JOSEPH NO. 44.—Leonard E. Merchant, proxy T. I. M.

- SOUTH HAVEN NO. 45.—Milford T. French, T. I. M.
MANISTEE NO. 46.—Charles W. O'Donnell, T. I. M.
LUDINGTON NO. 48.—Malcolm Whalen, T. I. M.
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LESLIE NO. 50.—Not represented.
PETOSKEY NO. 52.—Frank L. French, T. I. M.
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REED CITY NO. 55.—Carl W. Tiffany, T. I. M.; Frank R. Foster, P. C. W.; H. J. Crocker, P. T. I. M.
FLINT NO. 56.—Irving H. Larkin, T. I. M.
ALBION NO. 57.—Fred H. Blanchard, T. I. M.
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WILLIAMSTON NO. 64.—Chas. E. Morrison, proxy T. I. M.; C. L. Abbott, P. C. W.
HIAWATHA NO. 65.—Christopher E. Kaye, T. I. M.
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ST. LOUIS NO. 68.—E. C. Phillips, proxy T. I. M.
SAULT STE. MARIE NO. 69.—Henry Barton, T. I. M.
CADILLAC NO. 70.—James A. Foster, T. I. M.
DAVID S. KENDALL NO. 71.—Edward C. Mitchell, T. I. M.
MARQUETTE NO. 72.—David S. Guiland, proxy T. I. M.; Wm. H. VanInderstine, proxy D. M.; C. L. Brainard, proxy P. C. W.
LIVINGSTON NO. 73.—Wm. E. Beach, proxy T. I. M.; E. J. Drewry, P. T. I. M.
FRED L. WELLS NO. 74.—Wm. C. Peters, proxy T. I. M.
DARIUS NO. 75.—Chas. E. Anderson, proxy T. I. M.
FREMONT NO. 76.—William H. Barnum, T. I. M.
SANDUSKY NO. 77.—Not represented.
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MT. SINAI NO. 79.—Lee M. Cattell, T. I. M.
BESSEMER NO. 80.—Ed. Neidhold, proxy T. I. M.
BENZIE NO. 82.—Milton H. Frederick, proxy T. I. M.
EATON RAPIDS NO. 83.—John Wells, T. I. M.

ALMONT NO. 84.—Arthur J. Fox, T. I. M.
 GEORGE HILL NO. 85.—Charles V. Calkins, T. I. M.; James M. Montigel, D. M.; R. A. Madden, P. T. I. M.
 ANN ARBOR NO. 86, U. D.—Oron J. R. Bufy, T. I. M.
 VICKSBURG NO. 87, U. D.—Charles F. Brown, T. I. M.

SUMMARY OF ATTENDANCE.

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| No. Councils represented, 66; not represented, 3. | |
| No. Grand Officers present..... | 11 |
| No. Past Grand Masters present..... | 16 |
| No. Representatives present | 82 |
| No. Past T. I. Masters not representatives or officers..... | 14 |
| Total attendance | 123 |

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES

OF SISTER GRAND COUNCILS NEAR THE GRAND COUNCIL OF ROYAL AND SELECT MASTERS OF MICHIGAN.

CONNECTICUT—Ithamar T. Smith, Toledo, Ohio.
 FLORIDA—George W. Leedle, Marshall.
 GEORGIA—Guy Johnston, Grand Rapids.
 ILLINOIS—Frank V. Hale, Pontiac.
 INDIANA—Chas. A. Conover, Coldwater.
 IOWA—John H. Kingsley, Manchester.
 KENTUCKY—Clarence A. Howard, Three Rivers.
 LOUISIANA—Chas. E. Converse, Grand Rapids.
 MAINE—Frank P. Wilcox, Detroit.
 MARITIME PROVINCES—H. Burr Lee, Petoskey.
 MARYLAND—Neil E. Reid, Mt. Clemens.
 MASSACHUSETTS—Lou B. Winsor, Grand Rapids. 33
 MISSOURI—William G. Hudson, Ludington.
 MONTANA—John Clafin, Eaton Rapids.
 NEBRASKA—John Nichol, Ionia.
 NEW JERSEY—Walter H. Booth, Grand Rapids. 33
 NEW YORK—Emerson M. Newell, Fenton.
 NORTH CAROLINA—Willard B. Oakes, Lansing.
 NORTH DAKOTA—Chas. H. Patterson, Jackson. 2
 OKLAHOMA—William P. Perry, Hillsdale.
 OREGON—Michael B. McGee, Crystal Falls.
 PENNSYLVANIA—Dallas D. Alton, Fremont.

TENNESSEE—Frank O. Gilbert, Bay City. 5

TEXAS—Andrew L. Arthur, Pontiac.

VERMONT—Frank Scadden, Crystal Falls.

Committees Appointed

The M. I. Grand Master appointed the Special Committees to serve during this annual assembly as follows:

CREDENTIALS:

CHARLES A. CONOVER, Grand Recorder.

DIVISION AND REFERENCE:

JOHN P. WOOD, Saginaw No. 20.

EUGENE H. FURBUSH, JR., Sahgonahkato No. 58.

WARNER K. MCSWEEN, Ionia No. 12.

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ARTHUR J. FOX, Almont No. 84.

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UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

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CLAUD E. LONG, Tyre No. 10.

LELAND HELFER, Ithaca No. 33.

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CHAS. E. MORRISON, Williamston No. 64.

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WM. E. GOFF, Zabud No. 9.

NEXT PLACE OF MEETING:

CHAS. E. CONVERSE, P. G. M.

WM. H. BARNUM, Fremont No. 76.

ALBERT CHESLEY, Pontiac No. 3.

Grand Master's Address

The M. I. Grand Master, Andrew L. Arthur, read his annual address, which was referred to the Committee on Division and Reference.

My Dear Companions:

Another year of service and achievement has passed and by the grace of our Supreme Grand Master, we are again permitted to meet in Grand Council, and in His name I welcome you to this Sixty-fourth annual assembly of the Grand Body. The last year has been one of great good to our order. The various councils have kept their armor on and shining; working hard and faithfully to keep the faith reposed in them by their Grand Officers.

Regardless of financial and labor conditions in our industrial centers, those of our councils which have been animated by desire to be of service to their fellow men, have added materially to their membership. One year ago when I accepted this high office at your hands, I also accepted the duties and responsibilities pertaining to it and have striven with all my might to keep the faith and I return to you today to give an accounting of my stewardship.

I am not unmindful of the honor conferred on me nor the dignity of presiding over this body, and during the years of my membership I have heard the retiring officers, on returning the gavel of authority, almost without exception, express their thanks for the honor conferred and their great pleasure to think that their term of office had expired. But to me, at this time, I have no such feelings. I can truthfully say that this past year has been one of very great pleasure and it is with regret that I look forward to the time when I can serve the companions no more as your Grand Master.

OBITUARY.

Let us pause for a moment and give our attention to those of our companions whom we shall see here no more. On November 6th I received a telegram from our Grand Recorder announcing the death of our Past Most Illustrious Grand Master, Allen McKee, at Manistee, Michigan; and in company with Past Most Illustrious Grand Master Charles Converse, our Grand Recorder, Grand Chaplain and Grand Principal Conductor of the Work, attended his funeral and saw the last Masonic honors paid to his remains by the companions at Manistee.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES.

During the year it has been my pleasure to nominate the following companions for commissions as Grand Representatives of the several Grand Councils near the Grand Council of Michigan:

Neil E. Reed, Mt. Clemens, Grand Representative of Maryland.

The companions named below have been duly nominated by the Grand Masters of the respective States and have been commissioned as the Grand Representatives of the Grand Council of Michigan near the sister Grand Councils.

Thos. G. Fitch, of Wichita, Kansas.

R. C. Hinkle, of Dalton, Georgia.

OFFICIAL BONDS.

I received from the hands of our Past Most Illustrious Grand Master, H. Burr Lee, the bonds of our Grand Treasurer, Dallas D. Alton, in the sum of three thousand dollars. This bond I will return this day to our Grand Recorder, to be turned over to the incoming Grand Master.

DISPENSATIONS.

During the past year I have issued forty-five special dispensations, principally for permission to receive, ballot and

confer degrees at schools of instruction called by our Grand Lecturer. While the number of dispensations may seem large to a great many companions, yet I would they were greater. For it is proof positive that the companions were willing and anxious to co-operate in every way possible with their Grand Officers in making the year 1921 a banner one. A list of the dispensations has been furnished the Committee on Jurisprudence and will appear later in this address.

VISITATIONS.

In company with our Grand Lecturer, your Grand Master has made two separate trips through the State visiting the various councils and endeavoring to create a new interest wherever the interest seemed to lag. I believe the visits were of much good and created a new confidence between the companions of the subordinate councils and the Grand Council.

June 15, in company with our Past Grand Lecturer, Frank V. Hale, I had the very great pleasure of visiting Almont Council No. 84 and witnessed the exemplification of the Super-Excellent degree by this young council, in long form, and to those of my companions who are ever ready to say: "We can't do it," let me say that while the work was going on every individual member of this young council was actively engaged in some part of the work, not a single spectator occupying the seats excepting your Grand Officers and a few visitors. Too much credit cannot be given to Companion Fox and his corps of officers for the very able manner in which they conferred these degrees and conducted the affairs of their council.

June 20 I visited Monroe Council No. 1, at Detroit, in company with Past T. I. M. Chas. F. May, under whose administration I was greeted as a Super-Excellent Master in Monroe Council No. 1 in 1906. The work on this occasion was a Super-Excellent Master degree and conferred by the Past T. I. M.'s. Their work needs no special mention by me, as Monroe Council has long been recognized as being one of the best working councils in this Grand Jurisdiction.

November 28, in company with Grand Lecturer, I attended Inverness Council No. 60 at Cheboygan, for school of instruction. We were greeted by Past Most Illustrious Grand Master H. Burr Lee and fifteen members of Petoskey Council. The work on this occasion was splendidly done and shows a great deal of study and effort by Companion Reed and his officers.

November 29, in company with the Grand Lecturer, met with the companions of Sahgonahkato No. 58, of Alpena, who conferred the Royal, Select and Super Excellent degrees in excellent style. The greeting extended to the Grand Lecturer and myself was most hearty and the evening was spent with much profit to all of those present.

November 30 was one of the best meetings of the season. In company with the Grand Lecturer, we met the companions at Bay City Council No. 53, who exemplified the Royal and Select degrees. The Super Excellent Master degree being worked by the members of Saginaw Council under the leadership of our Companion John P. Wood, and it is needless for me to say, when John Wood puts his shoulder to the wheel, things are going to happen. We were favored on this occasion by the attendance of Sir Knight James E. Davidson, Grand Generalissimo of the Grand Commandery, and Ben J. Henderson, Junior Grand Warden of the Grand Lodge, F. & A. M. This was really a very inspiring meeting, so that Companion Lamby, speaking for the class, stated: "It was the best Masonry he had ever received for his money." The entertainment furnished by our Bay City brothers was all that could be wished for and the work of the Grand Lecturer was accomplished time and again by those present.

December 1, in company with the Grand Lecturer, arrived at Port Huron, where we were agreeably surprised to find a committee of the brethren awaiting us, headed by no less a person than the Most Worshipful Grand Master, Robert P. Anderson, himself, who entertained us and the companions from Sandusky in a royal manner. The meeting in the afternoon and evening was largely attended, work being followed

very closely by all the companions present and showed an interest that I was very much surprised at, as I had inferred from conversations held with several of the companions at Port Huron, that council affairs were at a low ebb in their city; but if such was the case there was no evidence of it on this occasion. Our Grand Master remained with us until the close of the work and was very profuse in his remarks to our Grand Lecturer for the very able manner in which he conducted this school.

December —, in company with companions from Pontiac, I journeyed to Muskegon and had the extreme pleasure of seeing this magnificent council exemplify the Royal, Select and Super Excellent degrees. I have heard a great deal of favorable comment from my predecessors about the hospitality and work of this council, but their treatment of myself and the companions who accompanied me, left nothing to be desired and their rendition of the several degrees I believe to be as good as any. This council I feel is entitled to commendation for their fidelity to the ritual and painstaking work.

In company with Grand Lecturer Scadden and Companion Newton of Pontiac, I visited Alma, the baby council of Michigan and saw them exemplify for the first time under charter, the several degrees, and their work was of such a high class that any council of Michigan might feel proud of it. We were entertained by the ladies of the Eastern Star with a bountiful repast, partaken of by about one hundred and twenty-five companions, representing not only Alma but St. Louis and Ithaca as well. Your Grand Lecturer Scadden, I feel, would be offended did we not make some recognition of the splendid vocal selections furnished by Mrs. MacKenzie, the wife of one of the Alma companions, who came down there for no other purpose than to assist in entertaining the visitors. The several selections were enthusiastically received. Everything pertaining to this night's work will remain as a red letter event to all of those who had the pleasure of attending. It was also our privilege to visit the Masonic Home at Alma, where we were royally received by our esteemed Companion Herbert

Montague, who escorted us thru every portion of the Home. After examining its cleanliness and the well kept rooms, both above and below ground, viewing the splendid assortment of fruits and jams provided for the inmates, I realized for the first time, that Michigan had a real Masonic Home, the inmates of which are splendidly looked after and are contented and happy. Too much credit cannot be given Brother Montague for the able manner in which he conducts that Home.

May 8 visited Niles Council No. 19 and called to this meeting St. Joseph. St. Joseph worked the Royal and Select Master degrees. The Super Excellent Master degree being worked by Niles Council on a class of twenty-four companions. The work was very impressively done and the workers of Niles Council are deserving of much credit for the manner in which they performed their work. About 125 companions in attendance.

Tuesday, May 9, we met the Three Rivers Council, who conferred the Royal, Select and Super Excellent Master's degree in a very praiseworthy manner. The degrees were conferred on a class of sixteen, and sixty companions in attendance.

Wednesday, May 10, met with the companions at Hastings, where we were received by Grand Captain of the Guard Mixer. The work of this council has considerable merit, but until they realize that the ritual as supplied by the Grand Council of Michigan is issued for the purpose of being followed by the officers of their council, they will never reach a state of excellence in their work. Your Grand Master and Grand Lecturer were obliged to censure Hastings Council severely for the interpolations they had made in the work, and our Grand Lecturer requested of them the manuscript so that he might present it to the Grand Council at this session. I regret to state that these companions took the remarks of the Grand Master in a very disloyal manner, and I feel that their action should be censured at this meeting. Also the action of the Recorder, who in his official reports opens council with less than the constitutional number of companions present, is also

to be condemned. I am sorry to relate that this habit seems to be growing with the Recorders of our councils.

Thursday, May 11, we met with Muskegon Council, where the Grand Officers were royally entertained, and the work of the Super Excellent degree conferred in a manner that is well known to the Grand Officers who have ever been privileged to visit this excellent council. The work was conferred on a class of nineteen candidates who were very enthusiastic in their remarks as to the impressions made on them by the work.

Friday, May 12, met with Ionia Council and were favored with the attendance from Portland, Corunna and St. Johns Councils. Wonderful interest was manifest all through this meeting, and your Grand Master is of the opinion that it was the most uplifting and beneficial meeting of the year. In this connection am pleased to report that he was instrumental in starting these companions to greater and better work by the organization of the Order for De Molay for Boys. Wonderful interest was manifest all through the work, not a companion leaving until its close, which was at 2:30 a. m., being the longest session that we have held this year, and if I am a judge, the most profitable.

Saturday, May 13, we had the pleasure of witnessing the conferring of the Super Excellent degree by Alma Council No. 85, the baby council of Michigan, whom your Grand Master had the pleasure of constituting and installing the officers on June 16th. The work of this young council should be an inspiration for any of the older councils of Michigan. Their fidelity to the ritual, the heart interest they display in their work, and the personal magnetism of every man in the cast is something commendable, and I believe that this Grand Council will see the wisdom of the Grand Master's invitation to the baby council of Michigan to exemplify this magnificent degree at our annual meeting.

This finishes the official visits of your Grand Master for the year, and he wishes to return thanks at this time for the uniform courtesy and splendid hospitality offered him in the

cities he has visited. Any man having the good fortune to accompany the Grand Officer on his visitations to the councils must be impressed with the heartiness of the greeting and the real Brotherhood of Man manifested throughout.

DISPENSATIONS.

May 12, 1921, David S. Kendall Council No. 71, of Houghton to receive, refer and elect at a special assembly to be held Saturday, May 21.

May 26, St. Joseph Council No. 44, of St. Joseph, dispensation to work the Super Excellent degree in the High School Auditorium on the evening of June 9.

September 2, Kalamazoo Council No. 63, Kalamazoo, to receive, refer and ballot on petition at a special assembly to be held Thursday evening, September 15.

September 10, Tyre Council No. 10, Grand Rapids, to receive, refer and elect candidates and confer degrees at a special assembly September 27.

September 29, David S. Kendall Council No. 71, Houghton, to receive, refer and elect candidates at a special assembly to be held Monday, October 10, 1921.

October 3, Union Council No. 11, Ypsilanti, to receive, refer and elect candidates and confer degrees at a special assembly to be held Wednesday, October 12; school of instruction.

October 6, Monroe Council No. 1, Detroit, to receive, refer and ballot on petitions and confer degrees at special assemblies to be held October 8 and 24, respectively.

October 6, Almont Council No. 84, Almont, dispensation to take their charter and journey to Lapeer and confer Royal and Select Master degrees on October 7.

October 10, Petoskey Council No. 52, Petoskey, to receive, refer and confer degrees at a school of instruction to be held Monday, October 24.

October 12, Holly Council No. 39, Holly, to receive, refer,

ballot on petitions and confer degrees at a special assembly, held October 13.

October 13, Tyre Council No. 10, Grand Rapids, to receive, refer and ballot on petition on evenings of November 8 and 22. Owing to the work of the other parties they were unable to meet on their regular evening.

October 14, Monroe Council No. 1, Detroit, to receive, ballot and confer degrees at a special assembly held Monday, October 17.

October 15, Marine City Council No. 59, Marine City, to receive, refer and confer degrees at a special assembly to be held on October 19.

October 17, Darius Council No. 75, Iron Mountain, to receive, refer and ballot on petitions and confer degrees at a school of instruction to be held October 28.

October 18, Geo. Hill Council No. 85, Alma, to receive, refer, ballot on petitions and confer degrees on the evening of October 18. School of instruction.

October 18, St. Louis Council No. 68, St. Louis, to receive, refer and ballot on petitions at a school of instruction to be held at Alma, October 18.

October 27, Hiawatha Council No. 65, Manistique, to receive, refer and ballot on petitions and confer degrees at a school of instruction to be held October 27.

October 28, Muskegon Council No. 54, Muskegon, to receive, refer and ballot on petitions at a special assembly to be held November 17.

November 12, Flint Council No. 56, Flint, to receive, ballot on petitions and confer degrees on Monday, November 21.

November 17, Saginaw Council No. 20, Saginaw, to receive, ballot on petitions and confer degrees on November 28.

November 25, Monroe Council No. 1, Detroit, to receive, ballot on petitions and confer degrees at a special assembly to be held Saturday, November 26.

November 25, Darius Council No. 75, Iron Mountain, to confer Super Excellent degree in short form. A fee of five dollars accompanied the request.

November 26, Jackson Council No. 32, Jackson, to receive and ballot on petitions and confer degrees preparatory to a school of instruction, Monday evening, December 5.

November 29, Sahgonahkato Council No. 58, Alpena, to receive, ballot on petitions and confer degrees at a school of instruction to be held November 29.

November 30, Bay City Council No. 53, Bay City, to receive, ballot on petitions and confer degrees on Wednesday, November 30, at a school of instruction.

December 3, Kalamazoo Council No. 63, Kalamazoo, a petition to receive, refer and ballot on petitions at a special assembly called for Saturday, December 10, for a school of instruction.

December 3, Fred L. Wells Council No. 74, Port Huron, to receive, ballot on petitions and confer degrees at a school of instruction held by Grand Lecturer Frank Scadden, December 1.

December 3, Marquette Council No. 72, Marquette, to receive, refer, ballot on petitions and confer degrees at a school of instruction held by Grand Lecturer Frank Scadden, November 23.

December 8, Albion Council No. 57, Albion, to receive, ballot, and confer degrees at a special assembly to be held December 6.

December 17, Almont Council No. 84, Almont, to receive, refer and ballot on petitions and confer degrees at a special assembly to be held December 16, 1921.

December 17, Adrian Council No. 18, Adrian, request for dispensation to hold a special election of officers Monday evening, December 26, in place of Charles L. Robinson, who was elected T. I. M., but who positively refused to serve as such.

December 30, King Cyrus Council No. 67, Crystal Falls, to confer degrees on December 30, 1921.

January 25, 1922, Petoskey Council No. 52, Petoskey, to receive, refer, ballot on petitions and confer degrees at a special assembly to be held Monday, January 30.

January 21, Ann Arbor Council No. 86, U. D., Ann Arbor, dispensation to receive, ballot on petitions and confer degrees on night of their first regular assembly, Feb. 8.

March 9, Vicksburg Council No. 87, U. D., Vicksburg, to receive, refer and ballot on petitions at a special assembly held for the purpose of instituting this council under dispensation, March 9.

March 17, Petoskey Council No. 52, Petoskey, to receive, refer and ballot on petitions at a special assembly to be held Thursday, March 28.

March 21, Monroe Council No. 1, Detroit, to receive, refer, and ballot on petitions and confer degrees at a special assembly to be held at Highland Park, Friday evening, March 24.

March 21, Monroe Council No. 1, Detroit, to receive, refer and ballot on petitions at a special assembly to be held April 22.

March 15, Pontiac Council No. 3, Pontiac, to receive, refer and ballot on petitions and confer degrees at a special assembly to be held Monday, March 20.

April 14, 1922, King Solomon Council No. 25, Big Rapids, to receive, refer and ballot on petitions and confer degrees at a special assembly to be held Tuesday, April 18.

April 13, David S. Kendall Council No. 71, Houghton, to receive petitions, ballot on same and confer degrees in full form on Thursday, April 20.

April 14, Petoskey Council No. 52, Petoskey, to receive, refer and ballot on petitions and confer degrees at a special assembly to be held Monday, April 27.

April 30, Saginaw Council No. 20, Saginaw, to receive, refer, ballot on petitions and confer degrees at a special assembly to be held Monday, May 8.

April 30, Eaton Rapids Council No. 83, Eaton Rapids, to receive, refer, ballot on petitions and confer degrees on Thursday, May 4.

April 30, Jackson Council No. 32, Jackson, to receive, refer, ballot on petitions and confer degrees at a special assembly to open at 3:00 p. m., Friday, May 5, 1922.

May 5, Niles Council No. 19, Niles, to receive, refer and ballot on petitions and confer degrees at a special assembly to be held Monday, May 8, at 4:00 p. m. for the purpose of school of instruction.

DISPENSATIONS FOR NEW COUNCILS.

December 30, 1921, request to form a new council from Oran J. R. Bury and others, at Ann Arbor, for the purpose of forming a new council to be known as Ann Arbor Council No. 66, U. D.

February, 1922, Companion Brown and others, requested for the purpose of organizing a new council to be located at Vicksburg, to be known as Vicksburg Council No. 87, U. D.

INSTITUTING NEW COUNCILS.

January 18, 1922, in company with F. Homer Newton as Grand Marshal, and F. G. Ely as Grand Chaplain, we journeyed to Ann Arbor and instituted Ann Arbor Chapter No. 86, U. D., sixty companions being present, including five Past T. I. M.'s, who, after the ceremony of instituting was completed, were requested by your Grand Master to open a council of Select Masters, which they did in a wonderfully correct manner, with very few promptings from the Grand Master. Their work on this occasion would have been a credit to many councils in our state who have been working for years. I believe that this council will prove to be a very welcome addition to our list.

March 9, 1922, in company with Willard B. Oakes, Grand Conductor of the Council, and Neil E. Reid, Grand Steward, we journeyed to Vicksburg and instituted Vicksburg Council No. 87 U. D., there being twenty companions present and four visitors from Kalamazoo. The companions of this council were also requested to open a council of Select Masters, and I am pleased to state, they did this in a very pleasing manner and without the assistance of the ritual. The evening was

very pleasantly spent by the companions and your Grand Council officers and I believe this council will also prove a welcome addition.

DECISIONS.

December 27, 1921, a request from Fred L. Wells Council No. 74, Port Huron, who requested a special dispensation to receive and ballot on petitions at the old rate up to and including their January regular.

Decision—That I knew of no authority in me vested to grant this dispensation. Request denied.

December 20, 1921, a request from Monroe, Michigan, to move the charter from River Raisin Council, located at Dundee, to Monroe. They stated in their request that the T. I. M. and most of the officers were residents of Monroe and as River Raisin Council had done very little work in the last few years they believed that better results would be obtained by moving the charter to the home of the officers at Monroe.

Decision—Request granted December 23, 1921.

October 20, 1921, request from Zabad No. 9, Battle Creek, for special dispensation to receive, refer, elect and confer degrees at a special assembly to be held December 7.

Decision—Request denied, for there appeared no reason for my issuing a special dispensation on October 26 for a special assembly to be held December 2, when they had a regular coming on November 11th.

October 20, 1921, Inverness Council No. 60, Cheboygan, request for a special dispensation to communicate the Super Excellent degree in short form.

Decision—As no reasons are given for making the request, permission is denied.

RECOMMENDATIONS.

For the past few years at our annual assemblies, we have had recommendations from our Grand Masters to place on probation various councils in the state, who in their opinion have not been doing all they might be expected to do, in the manner of keeping up interest in their council and conferring degrees.

Last year it was recommended that Ithaca No. 33, Holly No. 39, Inverness No. 60, and St. Louis No. 68, be placed on probation for one year. I have had the pleasure of meeting with all of the councils mentioned and have witnessed the work of the greater number and I can state with pleasure to this Grand Council, that I see no valid reason, at the present time, for keeping these councils on probation, so I would recommend that they be restored to good standing and their records cleared.

No matter how successful we may be as a whole, it is said we can be no stronger than our weakest link, and there in one council in our jurisdiction whom I believe deserves to have the gad applied severely. For the past several years, according to our annual reports, this council has disregarded every communication sent them by the Grand Lecturer and the Grand Master. They have done very little work and from all appearances do not intend to do any. I quote a letter I mailed under date of January 31st, to Mr. Mat D. Blosser, T. I. M., Adoniram Council No. 24, Manchester, Michigan.

"I am just in receipt of the Grand Lecturer's report of the visitations made by him in October and November and I am surprised and pained to learn that Adoniram Council has failed to respond to both the summons sent them by the Grand Lecturer. You remember that I wrote you in October relative to the October 12 meeting, and at that time stated that it was my opinion you had been discourteous to the Grand Lecturer in not replying to his summons. Upon re-

ceipt of your letter I took it up with the Grand Lecturer to give you a second opportunity, which he did, in the summons to appear on November 25 at Jackson, Michigan. From the records before me at this time, I find that neither you, nor any of your officers obeyed this summons, nor were your books presented for examination."

"Further, upon reference to the proceedings of 1921, on page 21, under date of October 13th, I notice a Past Most Illustrious Grand Master, Burr Lee, states as follows: 'Manchester did not appear.' So taking the reports as they are, it appears to me that it is getting to be a habit with Manchester in disregarding the summons of the Grand Officers, I wish you to advise me at once when it will be possible for me to visit your council and see it exemplify the Super Excellent degree in long form. After this visit, in company with Grand Recorder Chas. A. Conover, I will then be in a position to determine what action to take."

The receipt of this letter was never acknowledged or answered. I therefore recommend that our Grand Recorder be notified to advise Adoniram Council No. 24, Manchester, Michigan, that their charter is suspended until the next annual election of officers, when, if they will elect a new Thrice Illustrious Master and support his actions, they may be restored to good standing.

That the Grand Lecturer may be allowed not less than five hundred dollars per year for council visitations. The sum set aside this year being entirely inadequate to cover the ground as this Grand Council expects it to be covered, and if our Grand Lecturer has exceeded his allowance this year for this work, he has done so at the order of the Grand Master, who felt this work was too big and of too much importance to allow a few dollars to stand in the way of its completion.

Inasmuch as the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Michigan, now numbers fourteen thousand and

over, I believe we are large enough and strong enough to stand alone and I therefore recommend that a separate date be set for our annual meeting independent of the Grand Chapter's meeting, as it has been the practice in the past to send representatives to this meeting as proxies, who have no interest whatever in the council proceedings.

SUPER EXCELLENT DEGREE.

The third section, "The return of the captives to Babylon," as far as my observations have shown me, is unnecessary at this particular part of the work, and achieves no constructive impression for the candidates. It lacks the strength and force of the preceding scenes and has no possibilities of being dramatized to a point where it can stand with the rest of the action and not suffer by comparison. In view of the above, I therefore recommend that it be taken from the floor work and made a part of the Historical Lecture.

CONCLUSION.

During the year your Grand Lecturer and Grand Master have had between three and four thousand officers and members at the meetings called, and have seen the degrees conferred on from six to seven hundred companions in a very impressive manner.

We have worked diligently towards enthusing the various councils with the beauty of the Cryptic degrees, and we believe that our work will be more appreciated by the members of this Grand Jurisdiction during the years to follow.

We have met with uniform courtesy from the companions, and have been most royally entertained wherever we happened to be, and on behalf of the Grand Council of Michigan, I return our sincerest thanks to these good companions.

Now, my companions and officers of the Grand Council, in returning to you the gavel of authority which was intrusted to me one year ago, I cannot express in words my

feelings. We have had an active and pleasant year, nothing but harmony within our ranks, every council up and doing and the prospects for the coming year were never better. It would be unfair to the companions did I not express my gratitude to our Grand Lecturer and for the wonderful work he is doing. You made no mistake one year ago in electing Frank to this important office. His meetings are a continual inspiration to every one present. His words of cheer animate every breast so that at the conclusion of a meeting every companion resolves within himself to do more and better work than ever before.

To our good companion, Most Illustrious Lou B. Winsor, I return my grateful thanks for the service and assistance given whenever called for. The Grand Council without Lou B. Winsor would be like an automobile without its motor. May you stay with us, Lou, for many years to come.

And to our Grand Recorder Charles A. Conover, you of the subordinate councils, realize in a measure perhaps what Charlie Conover means to you, but you can have but the slightest conception of the value of his advice, council and assistance given to the Grand Master so cheerfully, whenever any information is asked for. God bless you, Charlie, and may you be allowed to remain and assist in directing the destinies of this Grand Council for many years to come.

To the members of the craft at large, I wish to thank them one and all for the courtesies extended to your Grand Master whenever he has been in your midst. It has been one continual pleasure from the first to the last and the only regret I have is that it cannot continue. That my successor may enjoy the confidence and assistance of the brethren as fully and freely as I have, is the sincere and reverend prayer of your retiring Grand Master.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

ANDREW L. ARTHUR,
M. I. Grand Master.

Grand Treasurer's Report

Companion Dallas D. Alton, Grand Treasurer, then presented his annual report, which was referred to the Finance Committee, as follows:

Fremont, Michigan, May 15th, 1922.

*To the Grand Council Royal and Select Masters of Michigan:
Illustrious Companions:*

I herewith submit my third annual report as your Grand Treasurer:

RECEIPTS.

| | |
|---|--------------------|
| Cash on hand as per report of May 16th, 1921..... | \$ 4,434.20 |
| Received from Grand Recorder Conover..... | 5,972.47 |
| Received from interest on certificates of deposit..... | 91.66 |
| Difference between estimated pay roll and actual pay orders
cashed | 86.58 |
| Total | \$10,584.91 |

DISBURSEMENTS.

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|--|------------|-------------------|
| Orders paid as per attached list..... | \$4,217.21 | \$4,217.21 |
| Leaving a cash balance in my hands..... | | 6,367.70 |
| Cash balance consisting as follows: | | |
| Certificates of deposit in Old State Bank, | | |
| Fremont, drawing 4% interest..... | 4,000.00 | |
| Checking account, same bank..... | 2,367.70 | 6,367.70 |
| In addition to above we have registered War
Savings Stamps in the Branch County Savings
Bank, Coldwater, Michigan..... | 416.00 | 416.00 |
| Making a Grand Total, all funds..... | | \$6,783.70 |

All of which is fraternally submitted,

DALLAS D. ALTON,
Grand Treasurer.

Grand Recorder's Report

Companion Charles A. Conover, Grand Recorder, then read his annual report, which was referred to the Finance Committee.

To the Grand Council R. and S. M. of Michigan:

It is with much satisfaction that I present to you my nineteenth annual report as your Grand Recorder. For while the year just closed has not been quite up the preceding one, the interest of the councils of the State seems to be on the increase, and thus real progress does not always spell statistics. One evidence of this is manifest when one of our "baby" councils comes forward and responds promptly when asked to present for your inspection its work in the Super Excellent degree, which some smaller councils are inclined to side-step even in their own halls.

NEW COUNCILS.

As last year, two new councils have been formed and set at work under dispensations granted by the Grand Master.

ANN ARBOR COUNCIL No. 86, U. D., ANN ARBOR.

Petition filed Nov. 19, 1921, recommended by Union Council No. 11 of Ypsilanti; papers completed and forwarded to Grand Master Arthur, November 28; signed by 49 petitioners; dispensation granted Nov. 30; instituted by Andrew L. Arthur, M. I. G. M., Jan. 18, 1922. First officers: Oron J. R. Bury, T. I. M.; Herman F. Miller, D. M.; Frank C. Painter, P. C. W.; John B. High, Recorder.

VICKSBURG COUNCIL No. 87, U. D., VICKSBURG.

Petition filed Jan. 3, 1922, recommended by Kalamazoo Council No. 63; papers completed and forwarded to M. I.

Grand Master, Jan. 12; signed by 16 petitioners; dispensation granted Jan. 14, 1922; instituted May 9, by Andrew L. Arthur, M. I. G. M. First officers: Charles F. Brown, T. I. M.; Foster M. Smith, D. M.; Wm. H. Young, P. C. W. Bert R. Platt, Recorder.

ANNUAL RETURNS.

All councils made returns and paid dues, but a few procrastinators every year make trouble for Grand Recorders. Those Recorders who get their returns made up promptly and get them mailed in early have our most grateful thanks.

The detailed statistics for each council will be found in the proceedings in the several tables. I give here a

RECAPITULATION OF RETURNS.

| | 1920 | 1921 |
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| Number of chartered Councils..... | 68 | 70 |
| Number of Councils under dispensation..... | 2 | 2 |
| Total membership last year..... | 10,198 | 12,401 |
| Passed the Circle in the year..... | 2,398 | 2,196 |
| Affiliated | 118 | 64 |
| Restored | 35 | 26 |
| Total membership and gains..... | 12,749 | 14,687 |
| Died | 181 | 200 |
| Dimitted | 130 | 139 |
| Suspended | 37 | 206 |
| Total losses | 348 | 545 |
| Total membership in Councils..... | 12,401 | 14,142 |
| Net gain for year | 2,203 | 1,741 |

Only four councils still meet by the full of the moon.

Thirty-six councils greeted 20 or over in 1921.

Fifty-nine councils gained in membership.

Seven councils lost in membership: Nos. 11, 34, 58, 60, 65, 69, 71.

Four councils same members: Nos. 37, 55, 76, 77.

Six councils having no greetings: Nos. 34, 37, 55, 58, 77, 79.

Numbers of defunct councils: Nos. 2, 7, 14, 17, 22, 28, 30, 31, 40, 41, 42, 47, 51, 66.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

For the year ending May 10, 1922, I have received the following:

GENERAL RECEIPTS.

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| Grand Council dues | \$5,672.30 |
| Council buttons and pins | 141.00 |
| Certificates and dues | 10.50 |
| Manuals sold | 2.00 |
| Charter fee for Ann Arbor | 50.00 |
| Charter fee for Vicksburg | 50.00 |
| Interest on deposits | 128.33 |
| Special dispensations | 10.00 |
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| | \$6,064.13 |

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DISBURSEMENTS.

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| June 27—D. D. Alton, Grand Treasurer | \$ 20.00 |
| Aug. 27—D. D. Alton, Grand Treasurer | 31.66 |
| Nov. 22—D. D. Alton, Grand Treasurer | 36.67 |
| Dec. 31—D. D. Alton, Grand Treasurer | 2,208.50 |
| 1922 | |
| Jan. 7—D. D. Alton, Grand Treasurer | 1,739.25 |
| Jan. 10—D. D. Alton, Grand Treasurer | 40.00 |
| Jan. 13—D. D. Alton, Grand Treasurer | 728.50 |
| Feb. 15—D. D. Alton, Grand Treasurer | 1,077.75 |
| May 10—D. D. Alton, Grand Treasurer | 131.80 |
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EXPENSES.

Since the last assembly I have drawn warrants on the Grand Treasurer from No. 924 to 1025 in the old book and to No. 32 in new book, all amounting to \$4,009.61. These expenses are divided as follows:

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| Grand Master's office | \$ 285.35 |
| Grand Recorder's office | 1,078.63 |
| Grand Lecturer's office | 766.75 |
| Grand Treasurer's office | 15.00 |
| Annual Assembly | 815.22 |
| Printing and distributing proceedings | 786.95 |
| Funerals and memorials | 158.76 |
| Surety bonds and insurance | 24.95 |

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| Ritual printing | 31.00 |
| New councils | 4.00 |
| Field work | 42.50 |
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| | \$4,009.61 |

Books, vouchers and receipts are in hands of the Finance Committee for their audit.

Fraternally submitted,

CHARLES A. CONOVER,
Grand Recorder.

Grand Lecturer's Report

Companion Frank Scadden, Grand Lecturer, then read his annual report, which was received and ordered printed in the proceedings:

To the Most Illustrious Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Council Royal and Select Masters of Michigan:

It is with a sense of keen pleasure and deep appreciation of the honor involved in presenting to you a brief report of the work of your Grand Lecturer for the past year.

In assuming this office I found it no sinecure. While Companion Hale, my illustrious predecessor, had paved the way, I confess to have found it difficult to attain his maximum of speed. I accepted the challenge and undertook the task.

In passing through the reconstruction period of 1921 and 1922, we did not realize the results of the previous year. We greeted 2,196, and attained a net gain of 1,741. This shows conclusively that Cryptic Masonry is coming into its own.

I have made seventy-three visitations during the year, and have looked into the face of almost every officer in this Grand Jurisdiction. The attendance at the meetings have been splendid. Three thousand and six officers and members have witnessed the conferring of the degrees on nearly 700 candidates. The meetings have been most enthusiastic and inspiring.

I am going to give you a few observations upon my pilgrimages

throughout the state. In going over some of the reports of earlier years, there appeared instances of "meetings cancelled." Some for reasons that seemed trivial. I wish to state, Companions, that during the past year I have had only ONE summons that was not fully carried out. Blanchard No. 34 did not hold a meeting on account of this being the annual in their chapter. At every other place, if a meeting of another Masonic body had been previously scheduled for the night of the council summons, a shift was cheerfully made, and the council had the right of way. The ladies of the Eastern Star have been very generous in vacating the temple at the required hour, which is sincerely appreciated, and we thank them for their courtesy and grace. In this regard, I desire to say Flint, Port Huron, Jackson, Albion, Bronson, Hillsdale and Charlotte deserve special mention.

To the Commandery of K. T's. at Flint we are especially indebted. These Sir Knights had a party scheduled for the night we desired the use of the temple, but these Sir Knights, with Templar chivalry, betook themselves to a nearby lake and held their party in order that the council could carry out its summons. A cooperative spirit has been manifested throughout the state which is indeed enviable. The officers also have been untiring in their efforts to render the work acceptable.

I found in several councils the sheet of errors and suggestions sent to the subordinate councils by our Grand Recorder, were not carried out. In each instance, after calling the matter to their attention, the officers promised to have the corrections made at once, and the council officers who had either lost or misplaced the sheets promised to write the Grand Recorder for copies and insert them in the ritual as requested. To those who have not done so, I beg of you to get in touch with our Grand Recorder while at the annual meeting and take them home with you and place them in their proper place. This will make the work uniform throughout the State. We have passed the stage where any one of the subordinate councils should render the degrees differently from the other.

Again, in some instances, I learned that the two primary degrees were rendered in a hasty manner, and with little fidelity to detail. Companions, we have passed the joke period. We have three of the most illuminative and instructive degrees in Masonry, and deserve the thought, talent and energy of every Mason. I fear we have too often rushed the candidates through the two principal degrees as if the degrees they were taking were simply an appendage to something farther on. This is an erroneous idea of our council ritual. Let each and EVERY officer pledge HERE and NOW to do his part in rendering all the degrees in the manner they deserve.

In calling the meetings we have endeavored to have two or three councils meet in one city and each council render a degree. This has caused the officers to take pride in their work, and the rendition of the degrees have been most commendable. Some of the smaller councils have shown marked ability in their interpretation. At Manistee, Kalamazoo and Corunna the Royal Master degree was exemplified in such an entertaining manner that the members as well as the candidates gave the work their closest attention. At Mount Clemens and Bay City the Select Master degree was rendered most impressively. Companions, if this interest can be kept up, there will be no dearth of candidates.

The upbuilding of the Cryptic Rite will depend largely on its officers. If you have a phlegmatic T. I. M., you will have a phlegmatic council, but if you have a live wire as your T. I. M., you will have a LIVE council.

I want to make a little interpolation here. This is not for publication, unless the Grand Recorder sees fit. (He sees fit. Gd. Rec.).

A word on apathy or lukewarmness. There are THREE Masonic conditions, hot, cold and lukewarm. Of the three the last named is the most to be dreaded. John in his apocalyptic wrote: "Because they are neither hot nor cold, I will spew them out of my mouth." The three degrees of the Cryptic Rite are indicative of three states of mind, corresponding to Good fruit, Poor fruit and Evil fruit. We must not for a moment entertain the bug of "Lukewarmness." This is a kind of religion without the "heart throb." Lukewarmness in this glorious work is the betrayal of "trust" as of the Sentinel who having slept at his post forfeited his title to a place in Masonry.

If the officers of our councils will put the latent energy to work, hit on all six cylinders, or get vaccinated with the serum of "let's get busy," there will be no question of success. Try it, and watch the result. We are on the upward trend, on the main line with a clear track ahead.

When entering Manila Harbor on that memorable May morning with boats moving very cautiously, Capt Gridley sent a message to Admiral Dewey. "We are in the Narrows, what shall we do?" Dewey wigwagged back, Steam ahead." After a few minutes Capt. Gridley sent another message to the Admiral. "We are almost under the guns of the enemy, what shall we do?" Without a moment's hesitation, Admiral Dewey flashed back the message: "Steam ahead." What was the result? "Victory."

T. I. Masters, sometimes you may feel downhearted and a little nervous regarding work for the coming year. If you are, just ask your Grand Lecturer what to do, and he will flash the message to

you: "Steam ahead." Step on the gas, hit on all twelve cylinders and victory is yours. You may think you have been sidetracked for some of the more spectacular degrees of the Rite. Forget it, "Steam ahead."

Within the last three years we have made practically a gain of 5,000. We have taken our rightful place in the procession of Masonry, and our marching orders are "steam ahead."

Dr. Breckenridge (a noted divine) in a sermon once said against those who were trying to belittle Christianity: "You might as well plant your shoulder against the burning wheel of the mid-day sun and try to hurl it back behind the horizon into night as stop the progress of the Gospel." We repeat the same regarding Masonry.

A little incident happened in the Upper Peninsula a few years ago that is appropriate here. Henry Ward Beecher, that minister of sainted memory, who on one occasion prayed in this wise:

"Oh, God; let the sun of righteousness speedily break forth in its noon-day glory, and mounting to its zenith." Here the great preacher took a momentary pause, and then in a voice of thunder exclaimed, "And let it stand still there for a thousand years," and this is our prayer. Let the qualitative and quantitative gains in this Grand Council proceed for a thousand years.

I desire before I close to pay a heartfelt tribute to our Grand Master and Grand Recorder for their "never" failing support, and to the officers of *all* the subordinate councils for their cordial and ever-ready solicitude expressed in word and deed to your Grand Lecturer during the past year. Companions, I thank you.

FRANK SCADDEN,
Grand Lecturer.

VISITATIONS.

On September 22 we sent out the call for Schools of Instruction starting at Pontiac, the home of our M. Ill. Grand Master.

October 10—Pontiac No. 3 and Holly No. 39 at Pontiac.

Holly to confer the Royal and Select Master degrees and Pontiac the Super Excellent degree. Pontiac did not hold a meeting on account of other pressing business of the T. I. M. Holly was present with its three officers, none of whom were able to fully read the ritual. After a review of the work these companions entered into the spirit of Masonry and promised results before the end of the week, and on October 14 the officers came over to Flint with three candidates as per promise for the Super Excellent degree. The home council hav-



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MANISTEE COUNCIL NO. 46, SUPER EXCELLENT DEGREE TEAM

ing given the Royal and Select Master degrees. The Grand Master and P. G. M. Frank Hale were present.

LATER—Pontiac Council redeemed themselves on November 28th, they having interpreted the three degrees in a creditable manner. I am indebted to P. G. M. Frank V. Hale for valuable services on this occasion.

October 11.—Called Williamston No. 64, Leslie No. 50, and Livingston No. 73, at Howell.

Williamston conferred the Royal Master degree in a very capable manner. Companion Morrison deserves great credit for his interpretation of this degree.

Livingston No. 73 rendered the Select Master degree. The officers did not show great confidence in their work. The schedule of errors and suggestions of the New Ritual were omitted. The officers promised to obtain copies and insert them, as per suggestion from our Grand Recorder.

Leslie No. 50 rendered the Super Excellent degree in full form in a very dignified and impressive manner. The parts of Jeremiah, Zedekiah and Nebuchanezzar deserve special mention. The careful study given these parts, together with the rendition of the prologue by T. I. M. Johnson commands appreciation.

October 12.—Called Adoniram No. 24 of Manchester for the Royal and Select Master degrees; and Union No. 11 for the Super Excellent degree.

Adoniram Council did not put in an appearance or send a regret, and consequently Union had to confer the Royal and Select Master degree, which they did in a presentable manner. Here again the schedule of errors and suggestions were omitted, thus detracting from the beauty of these degrees.

October 13.—Called Almont No. 84 at Mt. Clemens for the Royal and Select Master degree and Mount Clemens No. 8 for the Super Excellent degree.

Almont, one of the baby councils, conferred the Royal and Select Master degrees in a very intelligent manner. T. I. M. Fox and his corps of officers deserve commendation. Almont, though not much over one year old, can boast of a membership of over one hundred. After supper Mount Clemens rendered the Super Excellent degree in a very capable manner. T. I. M. Gemmer, while yet a young man, shows much promise.

At both the above meetings we had the honor of the presence of our Grand Master, P. G. M. Frank V. Hale, and M. I. G. S. Neil Reid.

October 14.—Called Corunna No. 38, and Flint No. 56, at Flint. Corunna rendered the Royal and Select Master degrees in a most in-

structive manner. Our Deputy Grand Master surely has the proper interpretation of the Cryptic Rite. The work of the P. C. W. deserves special mention. This officer practically lives the part of our G. M. After supper Flint Council rendered the Super Excellent degree in a fairly presentable manner. T. I. M. Hoagland worked under great difficulties at this time. Flint Council is indebted to Flint Commandery of Knights Templar for courtesies extended that evening. This Commandery vacated the Temple at which a party was supposed to be held, and betook themselves to a nearby lake in order to give the council an opportunity to present the work. Flint Council with a little effort could make their presence felt in the Cryptic Rite.

We were honored on this occasion with the presence of P. G. M. Hale, G. P. C. W. Capron, Deputy G. M. Slocum, also Charley Durand, G. S. W. of the Grand Lodge.

October 15.—Called Monroe No. 1 of Detroit. As we could not have the Temple on that date no meeting was held.

October 17.—Called King Solomon No. 25 for the Super Excellent Master and Reed City No. 55 to confer Royal and Select degrees. On account of a severe thunder storm that put out the lights in the city of Big Rapids for a short period, and the roads being impassable from Reed City, these companions did not put in an appearance. After the storm had subsided, there being no candidates, the ritual was reviewed with King Solomon Council, and a profitable time enjoyed. This council promises work later in the season.

October 18.—Meeting called at Alma. St. Louis No. 68 to give the Royal Master degree; Ithaca No. 33 to render the Select Master degree, and George Hill No. 85 to render the Super Excellent Master degree in full form.

St. Louis brought five candidates and conferred the Royal Master according to schedule in such a manner that it was a surprise to the visitors present. This council has been on the list of probationers, and they ask that their name be stricken from the dead list and added to the list of "live" ones.

Ithaca No. 33 conferred the Select Master degree at 7:30, immediately after supper, with thirteen of their officers and members present. It was surprising to witness the rendition of this work. Companion Helfer is deserving of great credit. This council has the talent and will yet be able to compete with any older council.

George Hill Council No. 85 rendered the Super Excellent degree with very few errors. This being one of the newly born twins, great interest was manifested in their rendition of the work. T. I. M. Madden may well congratulate himself on his able core of officers and

workers who were tireless in their efforts to "do the work right." This council will make its influence felt in the community.

We were honored with the presence of the M. I. Grand Master Arthur, and P. T. I. M. Homer Newton of Pontiac No. 3. This class also had the honor of having as one of its candidates, P. G. M. Herbert Montague, Manager of the Masonic Home, situated in the city of Alma.

We want to digress for a moment from the regular routine of visitations and pay a tribute to the manner of conducting the Masonic Home. Here I want to state that a visit to the institution will convince the most skeptical that the Home is carried out in principle as well as in name. It is indeed a "Home," and a more contented and happy band of men and women cannot be imagined. The Home is also run on the most economical basis imaginable. The Masons are indeed to be congratulated on the efficient management of its Alma Home.

October 19, Oceana Council No. 27 called to Ludington to confer the Royal Master degree, and Ludington No. 48 for the Select Master degree.

Oceana rendered the Royal degree in a very pleasing manner. T. I. M. Bates labored under difficulties in not having his full corps of officers present, but Ludington supplied the vacancies, and the work did not suffer. This council is doing good work numerically, and with a few rehearsals will become very proficient.

Ludington Council No. 48 rendered the Select Master degree according to the suggestions of the ritual. The T. I. M. not being in the city the degree was efficiently conducted by the Deputy Master, Companion Malcolm Whalen, to whom great credit is due for his work of the evening. We were met here by our mutual friend and Companion P. G. M. Hudson.

October 20.—Manistee Council rendered the Royal, Select and Super Excellent degrees, commencing at 4:30 sharp. Everything moved with military precision, degrees, speeches, banquet and visitations. The full three degrees were conferred on a class of eighty-nine candidates. Ludington and Oceana brought their candidates for the Super Excellent degree. This was a most inspiring meeting. It was here that Companion O'Donnell as King Zedekiah showed his ability to portray the character of the profligate king, and Companion Hollins as King, Nebuchadnezzar, the unforgiving and implacable Shylock of Babylonian days.

It was in this council, too, that splendid music was introduced, which was appreciated by all. T. I. M. Sorensen has certainly put Manistee Council on the map. This meeting will be long remembered. After the meeting two photographs were taken: One of the council

in full dress of the Super Excellent degree, and one of the officers and the class. Copies of these photographs will appear in the proceedings.

October 21.—Called Cadillac No. 70 to Traverse City to co-operate with Traverse City No. 61, in conferring the degrees.

Traverse City opened the council in a very creditable manner.

Cadillac No. 70 rendered the Royal and Select Master degrees in a fairly presentable manner. The work was not as good as Cadillac is capable of performing. Being in a foreign lodge room doubtless made a little difference. The absence of the corrections and suggestions of the new ritual were apparent. The officers promised to see to it that these would form part of their work in the future.

Traverse City Council presented at this meeting a young companion for the degrees that came from the city of Minneapolis. This shows enthusiasm and a keen sense of the necessity of keeping in touch with all our chapter members no matter to what part of the country they may be scattered, providing, of course, they are still our timber.

October 22.—Called Benzie Council No. 82 for a Saturday night session. This is the home city of our Grand P. C. W., who met your Grand Lecturer at Thomsonville and conducted him by car to Frankfort. In the evening the Benzie Council presented the Super Excellent degree. A marked absence of the officers contributed to several vexatious delays. It was also on a Saturday night, "And they all, with one accord, began to make excuses." We counseled the officers to give the T. I. M. their hearty and loyal support. This has been verified by the returns in your hands. Numerically this council is holding its own. Here we had the honor of a visit from T. I. M. Sorenson and several members of Manistee council.

October 24.—Called Petoskey Council No. 52 to confer all three degrees. Here Grand Master Lee met and cared for us with a true Masonic hospitality. Council opened in the afternoon at 4:30. The opening was of a high order and the Royal and Select Master degrees were rendered without a hitch. T. I. M. Pearson labored under difficulties as three of his officers were absent. He called to his aid P. Grand Master Lee, who cheerfully responded, and the work progressed. After dinner the Super Excellent Master degree was rendered in a favorable manner. The character of Jeremiah by Companion Will Searls earned high commendation.

October 25.—Called Inverness Council No. 60 to confer Royal and Select Master degrees, and if possible, the Super Excellent degree. Council proceeded to open and confer the Royal and Select Master degrees. The work showed great care and thought in its rendition. The

council not being in condition to confer the Super Excellent degree at this time, the T. I. M. closed in due form. Before leaving the hall, however, the cast was secured for the Super Excellent degree and the T. I. M. assured us that if we would return in 60 days the degree would be rendered in full form. We returned on November 28th, and according to promise, Inverness Council was ready, and conferred the degree in good form. Cheboygan thought and said: "It cannot be none," but they surprised themselves. Great credit is due John Reed, also Dr. Reed, for their interest and tireless work. The Grand Master and P. G. M. Lee were present.

October 26.—Called Sault Ste. Marie Council No. 69 to confer the three degrees. Arriving there on the morning train we were advised Companion Sharp, Past Commander of the Commandery, Knights Templar, had died that morning. Consequently the work projected was not held. Heartfelt sorrow was expressed on every hand, Companion Sharp having been a very enthusiastic member of the several Masonic bodies. We had an informal meeting, however, and reviewed the ritual as per the errors and suggestions.

October 27.—Called Hiawatha Council No. 65 at Manistique to confer the three degrees. Companion Harry Erikisen, the T. I. M., being out of the city, the P. C. W. Companion George Thomas rendered the work in opening and in conferring of the Royal and Select degrees. The suggestions and errors were not carried out, which detracted much from the quality of the work. The acting T. I. M. promised to see to it that the errors will be suitably placed.

October 28.—Called Darius No. 75 for all three degrees. The opening of the council and the conferring of the Royal and Select Master degrees were creditably performed, but without the suggestions and corrections. The T. I. M. worked under difficulties, the majority of their officers being absent. This council is capable of rendering the degrees in an impressive manner. The talent is there and all it needs is rehearsals and a co-operative spirit; and this is promised.

November 23.—Called Marquette Council No. 72 to confer the Super Excellent degree, this council having a class of twenty-six ready to receive the work. Dinner was served at 6:00 o'clock, after which a Council of Super Excellent Masters was opened and the degree conferred in a remarkably entertaining and instructive manner. The principals in this degree showed their training under the supervision of T. I. M. Hatch. Companion Brainerd as the wicked King Zedekiah was perfectly at home, as was Companion Larson as Nebuchadnezzar, and Companion O'Meara as Jeremiah. The rendition of the degree throughout was of a very high order.

November 29.—Called Sahgonahkato No. 58 at Alpena to confer the three degrees. After a substantial dinner the T. I. M. with his officers opened the council in good form, after which the Royal and Select Master degrees were conferred. The cast is there, the talent and energy also, but the companions need an "awakening". The absence here of the errors and suggestions of the new ritual were apparent. These were promised to be supplied at once by T. I. M. Cohen. G. M. Arthur was present.

November 30.—Called Bay City No. 53 with Saginaw No. 20 co-operating. This was indeed an inspiring meeting. Bay City opened the council and conferred the Royal and Select Master degrees in splendid form. Special commendation is due Companion Layer as King Solomon in the Select Master degree.

After the degrees were conferred dinner was called in which nearly 200 participated. After dinner

Saginaw Council No. 20 rendered the Super Excellent degree in their own forceful way. This council with its corps of officers deserve great credit for the co-operative spirit displayed throughout the afternoon and evening. T. I. M. John Wood and his workers certainly have Cryptic Masonry at heart.

Here let me say I bespeak for Bay City a caste for the Super Excellent degree that will be the equal of any in the State. They have the possibilities to complete anything they undertake.

The Grand Master was with us at this meeting, and we were met by Companion Davidson, Deputy Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery Knights Templar and Companion Charles Welch, G. M., 2nd Veil, Grand Chapter.

December 1.—Called Sandusky No. 77 for the Royal Master. Marine City No. 59 for the Select Master and Fred M. Wells No. 74 for the Super Excellent Master degrees at Port Huron. Council opened by Fred M. Wells Council in a snappy manner. After which

Sandusky Council conferred the Royal Master degree with but very few errors. T. I. M. McKenzie and his officers deserve credit for their efforts in bringing so many of their companions over.

Marine City Council, only a few companions of this council were present they having rendered the three degrees in the home council the previous evening, Companion Baker, however, with his aids were on hand to assist in any manner possible. This surely was a splendid Masonic spirit.

Fred M. Wells Council rendered the Select Master degree in a very enthusiastic manner. On account of other Masonic meetings occupying the large room the Super Excellent degree had to be abandoned at this time.

Our Grand Master was with us, and we were also graced during all the exercises by our beloved Grand Master F. & A. M., Robert Anderson. The presence of these dignitaries added greatly to the tone of the meeting. Later the Super Excellent degree was rendered on December 27th with several candidates.

December 2.—Called Lansing Council No. 29, with Grand Ledge No. 62 and Portland No. 23 co-operating.

Lansing opened the council at 4:30 and surrendered the gavel to Portland Council to confer the Royal Master degree, Deputy Grand Master Slocum in the East. This degree was impressively rendered, our Deputy Grand Master sustaining his reputation as a presiding officer. The council closed in the Royal Master degree.

Grand Ledge Council occupied the chairs and conferred the Select Master degree in an effective manner. T. I. M. Soper presiding. At this juncture dinner was called, after which the companions repaired to the council room and enjoyed the rendition of the Super Excellent degree by

Lansing Council. An attempt to single out any special character would do the whole cast an injustice. The work was splendidly done. T. I. M. Tooker deserves unstinted praise for the success of the meeting.

We were met here by Deputy Grand Master Howard Slocum, Grand Conductor of the Grand Council, Willard Oakes (to whom we are indebted for many courtesies extended while in the city), P. G. C. Guy Brownson of the Grand Commandery Knights Templar and Deputy Grand High Priest, Roy Andrus of the Grand Chapter.

December 5.—Called Charlotte No. 36 at Charlotte, with Eaton Rapids No. 83 and Gibleum No. 49 of Hastings co-operating.

Eaton Rapids rendered the Royal Master degree in an admirable manner. The work was worthy of special mention, each officer did himself as well as his council great credit. Our Grand Chaplain accompanied his council members to Charlotte.

Gibleum No. 49 of Hastings, not being represented by any of its officers or companions except our Grand C. G. Companion Mixer.

Charlotte Council exemplified the Select Master degree in a very efficient manner, showing they were well qualified in all of the Cryptic degrees.

After rendering the Select Master degree, all repaired to the banquet room, after which Charlotte Council conferred the Super Excellent degree in full form much to the delight of all the companions present. Companion Sattler deserves special mention for his rendition of the dual parts of Jeremiah and Nebuchadnezzar. It was here that we missed the presence of our very dear friend and Companion Horace

S. Maynard. We felt however, that he was anxiously watching over our words and actions and we tried to prove worthy of his commendation.

We were honored by the presence of the Grand Chaplain Clafin, G. C. G. Companion Mixer and G. C. C. Willard Oakes.

December 6.—Called Assembly at Jackson, but on account of the halls being completely occupied that evening we transferred the call to Albion No. 57, Jackson No. 32 co-operating. Arriving at Jackson in the early forenoon caught a glimpse of our Grand Secretary on his way to institute a Chapter of DeMolay for boys. Then P. G. M. Charles Patterson appeared on the scene and we were soon in the presence of the T. I. M. Dwelle, who had everything arranged for the trip to Albion. A special car was at our disposal, and we arrived at Albion in the early evening.

Albion opened the council in a very impressive and dignified manner and conferred the Royal Master degree. The Select Master degree was rendered by the combination of Albion and Jackson Companions. Even with this mixture each part fitted with such exact nicety that it was apparent each council officer was familiar with the work individually and collectively.

After dinner we had the pleasure of witnessing the Super Excellent degree rendered by Jackson Council. This was a pleasure. T. I. M. Dwelle has his caste well trained. There were over 150 companions present, Jackson bringing their candidates for the Super Excellent degree. This meeting was truly inspirational.

December 7.—Called Blanchard No. 34, Clinton No. 26, River Raisin No. 4 and Adrian No. 18 at Tecumseh.

Arriving in the afternoon we found it was the night of the annual in the Chapter and no arrangements had been made for an Assembly of R. & S. M. Not a companion of Adrian put in an appearance. It seems as if the notice had gotten into the wrong hands and it was not presented to the proper officers on account of the death of the T. I. M. This we learned later.

River Raisin was on hand with its officers and candidates to confer the Royal Master degree, but after dinner returned home without exemplifying the work.

Clinton did not appear with any of its officers. This is regrettable. Later we received a letter from T. I. M. Starrett apologizing for the apparent neglect and promising better things. Since our return we have received advices from T. I. M. Smith of Blanchard Council stating they "have come back with a vengeance" and are doing good work.

December 8.—Called Mt. Sinai No. 79, Coldwater No. 6, Sturgis No. 13, Colon No. 78 and Union City No. 35, at Bronson.

On the way from Tecumseh to Bronson we visited Coldwater for a call on our Grand Recorder, and looked over the appurtenances of the office. Here we found everything as it should be. Everything was perfectly arranged and in order. We thought we would try to get at some name from our chapter, thinking he might not have it on his list, but to my astonishment he produced instantly and gave me the full details. The office building seems to be ideally situated for the work. It is a brick building on a corner. The city has splendid fire protection, and we found everything worthy of judicious praise. Our Grand Recorder took the Grand Lecturer over to Bronson, where we met the above councils in working array and ready to commence work.

Union City No. 35 rendered the Royal Master degree in a very pleasing manner. T. I. M. Streeter deserves special mention as well as the P. C. W. After dinner Colon No. 78 rendered the Select Master degree. T. I. M. Doran showed instinctively he was familiar with the work, and the prayer he offered at the deposit was well considered.

Sturgis No. 13 was to have rendered the Super Excellent degree. We were disappointed, however, the full cast not being present. Their work for the year, however, showed their zeal, which is indeed gratifying.

November 9.—Called Mount Ararat No. 15, Jonesville No. 5, and Putnam No. 16, at Hillsdale.

Hillsdale No. 15 opened the council in good form; officers efficient in the work. Putnam No. 16 rendered the Royal Master degree in a meritorious manner. T. I. M. Wycoff has a splendidly trained corps of officers, which won the esteem of everyone present.

Jonesville No. 5 rendered the Select Master degree, with Companion Dorr Darling presiding. Each officer was at his best and made a deep impression. After the degree dinner was called, after which Mr. Ararat Council exemplified the Super Excellent degree in full and ample form to the delight, instruction and education of the whole assemblage. Here we were met by our old-time friend and Companion P. G. M. William Perry, who took the part of the Prophet Jeremiah. Companion Perry is specially adapted to this part.

It is of interest at this time to say to the Companions of Hillsdale, if the interest in the Masonic work is continued at the maximum, the time is here and now to secure larger quarters, as on the evening in question there was not room to contain the members and visitors. The T. I. M. was compelled to ask a large number of companions to retire to the ante-room and make room for the rendition of the Super

Excellent degree. Our Grand Recorder was present at this meeting and gave some good advice.

November 10.—Called Kalamazoo No. 63 with Lawrence No. 43, South Haven No. 45 and Three Rivers co-operating.

Kalamazoo No. 63 opened the council assembly and rendered the Royal Master degree in a most efficient and capable manner. The work of Companion West as P. C. W. will long be remembered; it was decidedly impressive.

Lawrence No. 43 rendered the Select Master degree, with Companion P. G. M. (1895) George A. Cross, one of the Patriarchs of the Rite, presiding. Companion Cross retains the vigor and interest in Masonry that younger members of the craft should strive to emulate. After dinner we repaired to the council hall and witnessed the production of the Super Excellent degree by Zabud Council No. 9 of Battle Creek. This degree as rendered by Zabud Council is a revelation. Companion Goff, as Zedekiah, Judea's most reprobate monarch, and Will Robinson, as Nebuchadnezzar, gave to the companions a spectacle of beauty, whose impression remains. It truly portrayed the profligacy of the Judean Court at this period of Old Testament history. When the Grand Lecturer asked Kalamazoo Council for their consideration on a Saturday afternoon and evening session there was not one word of dissent, but a right royal "YES". These companions did not make the slightest excuse. It was one of the most inspiring meetings I have had the pleasure of attending.

December 27.—King Cyrus No. 67 exemplified the three degrees in full and ample form. This being the first time the Super Excellent degree was rendered in this council as per the new ritual, there were misgivings as to the outcome, but after the rehearsals great interest was manifested. The work of the degree was a revelation to the class of candidates as well as the visitors, many of whom had never witnessed the new work before. Over 100 members and visitors were present. The presence of P. T. I. M. Waddell of Manistique, T. I. M. Martin and P. C. W. Bradt of Iron Mountain, added to the interest of the evening.

April 20, at Houghton.—David S. Kendall Council No. 71 surprised us from start to finish in their rendition of the degrees. The officers are proficient in their work. Jeremiah, Zedekiah, Nebuchadnezzar and Nebuzaradan are exceptionally good. This council deserves special mention in the face of such industrial depression as the copper country has never before witnessed. It is indeed inspiring. Great credit is due T. I. M. Mitchell for his resurrecting abilities.

May 8.—Called St. Joseph No. 44 to confer Royal and Select Master degrees, and Niles No. 19 to render the Super Excellent de-

gree. St. Joseph acquitted themselves like men. The degrees were rendered in a very interesting manner. Their work was good. Niles Council exemplified the Super Excellent degree on a class of 27, in a dignified and forceful manner, deserving unstinted commendation.

Called Nebuzaradan Council No. 37 at Three Rivers to confer the three degrees. This council has shown great gains the past year and their work is of a very high order, especially their work in the Super Excellent degree. We were honored with the presence of P. T. I. M. Clarence Howard, who took an active part in the work.

May 10.—Called Gibleum Council No. 49 to confer the Super Excellent degree, which they did in a very capable manner. The officers displayed great zeal in their rendition of the work. Gibleum Council also has an orchestra all of its own, which dispensed music throughout the festive section of the evening, which added greatly to the pleasure of all present. We were honored here by Companion Chas. W. Mixer, Grand Captain of the Guard.

May 11.—Called Fremont No. 76 and Muskegon No. 54, the former to confer Select Master degree and Muskegon to render Royal and Super Excellent degrees. No. 54 was on time, as usual, and rendered the Royal Master degree in a very instructive manner. Their rendition of the Super Excellent degree was truly commendable, it being rendered by a number of the Past T. I. Masters, which added to the interest. These Past Officers acquitted themselves "like men". To single any one of the cast would do an injustice to the whole.

Fremont made a very creditable showing in the Select Master degree. This council is getting on the map. Grand Treasurer D. D. Alton honored us with his presence.

Muskegon Council has a splendid orchestra of its own, composed of young men who are ready at any and every call to duty. This is a section of Masonry that should be cultivated: viz, "music".

May 12, 1922.—Called St. Johns No. 21, to co-operate with Ionia in rendering the three degrees. St. Johns exemplified the Royal and Select Master degrees in the afternoon, much to the delight of the companions present. In the evening Ionia rendered the Super Excellent degree. Their officers deserve mention, especially Zedekiah, Nebuchadnezzar and Jeremiah. Their work was very gratifying.

May 13.—Called George Hill No. 85 to exemplify the Super Excellent degree on a class prior to the annual meeting at Grand Rapids. The work was of a very high order and worthy of commendation.

FRANK SCADDEN,
Grand Lecturer.

Entertainment Announced

Companion Fred H. Locke, of the Entertainment Committee, then announced the following program of entertainment:

TUESDAY, MAY 16.

9:00 A. M.—Business session of Grand Council, election and installation of Grand officers. Grand Treasurer will issue pay checks at close of this session.

1:30 P. M.—Opening of Grand Chapter, address of Grand High Priest and reports of Grand Officers, at Masonic Temple.

2:00 P. M.—Inspection of Temple by ladies. Auto ride for ladies and visitors around city, starting from Masonic Temple.

4:30 P. M.—Order of High Priesthood. Masonic Temple. Auto ride for visiting delegates.

5:30 P. M.—Annual dinner at Masonic Temple, complimentary for all Grand Council and Grand Chapter members and ladies.

7:00 P. M.—Special theatre entertainment for ladies.

7:30 P. M.—Degree work by Grand Rapids Chapter, Order of DeMolay for Boys.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 17.

9:00 A. M.—Business session of Grand Chapter; election and installation of new Grand Officers.

1:00 P. M.—Closing and luncheon. Finance Committee will issue pay checks at the close of the session.

Exemplification of the Super Excellent Degree

The M. I. Grand Master then announced that at his request and that of the Grand Lecturer, George Hill Council No. 85, of Alma had kindly consented to give an exemplification of the Super Excellent degree as soon as the Grand Council

was called to refreshment, and an invitation was extended to all companions to remain and witness this work.

George Hill Council was only chartered at the last Annual Convocation, and is therefore one of the youngest in the state. This exemplification was intended as an example for the emulation of the smaller councils which were obsessed with the idea that they lack the members and talent to exemplify this important degree in full dramatic form.

Called Off

No further business being ready for the Grand Council, by order of the Grand Master the Grand Council was called from labor to refreshment until 9 o'clock tomorrow morning.

Second Day—Morning Session

*Grand Rapids, Michigan,
Tuesday, May 16, 1922,
At 9:00 A. M.*

To Labor

The Grand Council was called to labor by M. I. Grand Master at nine o'clock with officers and members as at yesterday's session. Prayer was offered by the Grand Chaplain.

Report on Division and Reference

Companion John P. Wood, Chairman of the Committee on Division and Reference, submitted the following report, which was adopted:

Most Illustrious Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Council, R. & S. M. of Michigan:

Your Committee on Division and Reference to whom was referred the Most Illustrious Grand Master's address, beg leave to report as follows:

That portion of the address referring to the death of Past M. I. G. M. Allen McKee be referred to the Committee on Obituaries.

That portion of the address referring to special dispensations be referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence.

That portion of his address referring to dispensations for new councils be referred to the Committee on Charters and Dispensations.

That portion of his address referring to institution of new councils be referred to Committee on Charters and Dispensations.

That portion of his address referring to his decisions be referred to Committee on Jurisprudence.

That portion of his address referring to councils on probation be approved.

That portion of his address referring to Adoniram Council No. 24, Manchester, be referred to Committee on Charters and Dispensations.

That portion of his address referring to compensation of Grand Lecturer for visitations be referred to the Committee on Finance.

That portion of his address referring to the separate meeting of the Grand Council independent of the Grand Chapter be referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence.

That portion of his address referring to change in the ritual in the S. E. M. degree be referred to the Committee on Ritual.

That portion of his address covered by his conclusion be referred to Committee on Resolutions and Thanks.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JOHN P. WOOD,
WARNER K. MOSWEE,
EUGENE FURBUSH, JR.
Committee.

Amendment to Constitution Proposed

Companion Fred G. Heumann, T. I. M. of Traverse City Council No. 61, presented the following resolution and moved its reference to the Committee on Jurisprudence.

To the Most Illustrious Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Michigan:

RESOLUTION.

To repeal the constitution as amended by the Grand Council of the State of Michigan at the sixty-third Annual Assembly at Lansing, May 16th, 1921, on page 27, of the 1921 Grand Council Proceedings, referring to:

That section of No. 22 of the constitution be amended by adding the following paragraph:

1. "To issue his dispensation for the communicating or conferring the Super-Excellent Master degree in short form, only upon a request for such dispensation, which must be accompanied by a fee of five dollars."

That Section No. 78. of the constitution be amended by adding the following paragraph:

"That on and after June 1st, 1921, no council shall confer the Super-Excellent degree in short form except upon dispensation from the Most Illustrious Grand Master. Application for such dispensation shall give reason for the request and be accompanied by a fee of five dollars. If the request be granted the fee shall be forwarded by the Grand Master to the Grand Recorder, but if not granted it shall be returned to the council making the request."

This resolution will place the constitution as previous to the amendment and permit each Thrice Illustrious Master to exercise his own judgment for the best interest of his council.

FRED G. HEUMANN,

T. I. M. of Traverse City Council No. 61, R. & S. M.

Report of Finance Committee

Companion Frank P. Wilcox, Chairman of the Committee on Finance, read the following report for that committee, which was adopted:

To the M. I. Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Council R. & S. M. of Michigan:

Your Committee on Finance to whom was referred the reports of Grand Recorder and Grand Treasurer have much satisfaction in reporting that they have carefully audited the books and vouchers submitted by these officers, and find that they have been faithful to their trust, their books being in perfect balance.

The chairman of this committee recently paid a visit to the office of the Grand Recorder which is conducted in a most efficient manner, and the Grand Council is to be congratulated upon the system in vogue greatly simplifying the work of your committee in checking up accounts.

Your recommendation that the present system for the investment of surplus funds we recommend be continued. We further recommend that the recommendations of the Most Illustrious Grand Master relative to the increase of the annual allowance of our Grand Lecturer be concurred in, placing the salary at \$500.00; also that the sum of \$25.00 be paid to the Masonic Temple Association of this city for the courtesy tendered for the use of this beautiful temple for this assembly; also that \$5.00 be paid to the janitor of the building; also that the usual allowance for the Grand Treasurer's office be provided.

The recommendation for the usual provision relative to salary for Grand Recorder, Grand Lecturer's expense, clerical work, Correspondence Report, bonds and insurance, printing and distribution of proceedings are recommended for the ensuing year.

We further recommend that a Past Most Illustrious Grand Master's jewel and apron be purchased and presented to the M. I. Grand Master, Andrew L. Arthur, not as a pecuniary reward, but simply to testify to the very high esteem in which he is held by this Grand Body, and as a further evidence for appreciation of his work and a very slight remuneration of the same, we recommend that an honorarium be paid him in the sum of \$50.00.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

FRANK P. WILCOX,
J. H. KINGSLEY.
Finance Committee.

Report of Charters and Dispensations

Companion Frank O. Gilbert of the Committee on Charters and Dispensations, presented the following reports of that committee, which were adopted as follows:

To the Officers and Members of the Grand Council, Royal & Select Masters of Michigan:

Your Committee on Charters and Dispensations would respectfully report that they have examined the records and by-laws, as reported by the Committee of Ann Arbor Council No. 86 U. D., and find them to be in accordance with the laws, rules and regulations of this Grand Council, R. & S. M., and we respectfully recommend that a charter be granted to Ann Arbor Council and that the T. I. M. of Ann Arbor Council No. 86 be allowed his per diem for attendance at this assembly.

FRANK O. GILBERT,
ARTHUR J. FOX,
MICHAEL B. MCGEE.
Committee.

Adopted.

To the Officers and Members of the Grand Council, Royal & Select Masters of Michigan:

Your Committee on Charters and Dispensations would respectfully report that they have examined the records and by-laws, as reported by the Committee of Vicksburg Council No. 87 U. D., and find them to be in accordance with the laws, rules and regulations of this Grand Council, R. & S. M., and we respectfully recommend that a charter be granted to Vicksburg Council No. 87 and that the T. I. M. of Vicksburg Council No. 87 be allowed his per diem for attendance at this assembly.

FRANK O. GILBERT,
ARTHUR J. FOX,
MICHAEL B. MCGEE.
Committee.

Adopted.

Companion Arthur J. Fox, of the same committee, presented a report on the matter of Adoniram Council of Manchester, which had been referred to that committee. Companion J. H. Kingsley, a member of that council made remarks in explanation of the complaints that had been made and the misunderstandings that had arisen, after which the report of the committee was adopted as follows:

To the Officers and Members of the Grand Council, Royal & Select Masters of Michigan:

Your committee to whom was referred the matter of Adoniram Council No. 24, after careful consideration, would recommend that this council, while they seemingly have acted unwisely, owing to circumstances which have caused considerable comment, yet we feel that their charter should not be revoked and they be given the opportunity to continue as a chartered council and that they be ordered to confer the degrees in the near future.

FRANK O. GILBERT,
ARTHUR J. FOX,
MICHAEL B. MCGEE.
Committee.

Report on Obituaries

Companion John Clafin, of the Obituary Committee, presented the following report from that committee, which was adopted.

To the Most Illustrious Grand Master, Officers and Companions of the Grand Council, Royal and Select Masters of the State of Michigan:

DEAR COMPANIONS AND BROTHERS:

It has become a custom in our Grand Council to devote a part of our time and proceedings to paying a tribute to the memory and deeds of the Past Grand Masters of our own and other Grand Jurisdictions, and we now, as members of your Obituaries Committee, take this opportunity to express through you our own appreciation of these great and splendid men who have had a high place in the control and direction of our Masonic destinies, and who have now laid down the burden of life and service and gone on to receive the reward God gives to those who have been faithful to their trust.

In the Scriptures we are told of certain and venerable men of the ancient past that "He being dead, yet speaketh." And so we feel concerning those men who were and are a force for good in our great Masonic Order.

The foundations upon which we are builded as far as men are concerned, rest upon the substantial and abiding work of those power-

ful characters who have lived to exalt the high teaching of Masonry. These men speak to us to-day; they tell us of the past, of a wonderful history reaching back to the night of time, of a splendid development into newer forms and a more ideal ritual, and yet all the time retaining all the solemn vigor, all of the wisdom, strength and beauty of the moral and religious teachings of nature and the word of God.

We have had and still have such men among us, and we need but reflect for a moment and we will see them as they were and are; men who have stood and still stand for the highest good, and it seems well for us to recall them, and give them their proper place on the tablets of our affection and regard. We have national memorial days set apart for the purpose of bringing back again into review the achievements of the men who, in times of need, have stood for the greatest good in our national life. Recently the president of our country proceeded to the birthplace of General Grant, and there, in the midst of a vast throng, recounted the deeds of the great soldier who led our armies to victory. Grant is dead, but he performed so large part in his service to his country that we have made this one hundredth anniversary of his birth a sort of national observance. Would it not be well if we could, as a Grand Body, together with other Grand bodies, recommend that we designate a day when some nearby lodge, chapter, council or commandery be instructed to proceed to the graves of the Grand Officers buried there and to properly decorate the graves, and to pay a fitting tribute by word and ceremony to the memory of the silent sleepers.

During the past year, one of our Past Grand Masters has gone on to his reward.

ALLEN MCKEE

died at his home in Manistee, November 4, and was buried with full Masonic honors on November 8. Grand Council officers were present. He was born on a farm in Lorraine, Jefferson county, New York, in 1847, and in that place received his education. In 1861 he came to Michigan and settled in Manistee, which has since been his home. In 1863, when sixteen years of age, he enlisted as a private in Company I, Third Michigan Volunteer Infantry, and served until the close of the war, receiving an honorable discharge. He was captured at the Battle of the Wilderness and endured the hardships of prison life in the pens of Andersonville, Milen and Florence, at which last place he was paroled and returned to his regiment for further service. After his return from the army, he took up the calling of mechanical and steam engineering, which continued as long as health would permit. He was honored by his citizens with many positions of honor and

trust, serving as alderman, and on the Board of Education. Companion McKee was made a Mason in Manistee Lodge No. 22, F. & A. M., and served for three years as Worshipful Master. He was exalted a Royal Arch Mason in Manistee Chapter No. 63, R. A. M., May 6, 1878, afterwards serving nine years as High Priest. After serving several years as a member of the Finance Committee of Grand Chapter, in 1897 he was made chairman of that important committee and so continued until 1906. He was greeted a Royal and Select Master in Manistee Council No. 46, in 1880, and served five years as Thrice Illustrious Master. In 1888, he was elected Most Illustrious Master of the Grand Council. He was Knighted in Manistee Commandery No. 32, Knights Templar, and served that body three years as its Eminent Commander. Companion McKee's Masonic acquaintance was extensive and he will be long remembered by his friends in the Grand Bodies.

We have reports from other Grand Jurisdictions and in their proper order a brief mention will be made of their name and place.

IN MEMORIAM.

CONNECTICUT.

BURTON HIRAM STRICKLAND, Most Puissant Grand Master, 1913.
Died February 11, 1922.

INDIANA.

JAMES KING ALLEN, Past Grand Master, 1906. Died August 25, 1921.
EDGAR H. BRISTOL, Past Grand Master. Died December 7, 1921.

IOWA.

EUGENE SCHAFFTER, Past Grand Master, 1917-1918. Died October 31, 1921.
FRANK N. FOWLER, Past Grand Master. Died June 4, 1921.

MAINE.

ALBRO ELMORE CHASE, Most Illustrious Grand Master, 1904. Died September 8, 1921.

MINNESOTA.

NORMAN B. PATTEN, Past Grand Master, 1917. Died May 17, 1921.

MISSISSIPPI.

OLIVER LEE MCKAY, Past Grand Master, 1908-1912. Died September 20, 1921.

MISSOURI.

WILLIAM H. HERRICK, Past Grand Master, 1912. Died July 19, 1921.

NEW YORK.

FREDERICK KANTER, Past Grand Master, 1898. Died May 2, 1921.

NEVADA.

ROBERT LEWERS, Past Grand Master, 1907. Died Jan. 12, 1922.

SOUTH CAROLINA.

GEORGE SEWALL MOWER, Past Grand Master. Died July 25, 1921.

MARYLAND.

WILLIAM FRANCIS COCHRAN, Past Grand Master, 1879. Died April 27, 1921.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN CLAFLIN,
H. BURR LEE,
Committee.

Greetings and Regrets

Companion Dorr Darling, a member of the Obituary Committee, was reported sick at his home and unable to be present, and on motion the Grand Recorder was instructed to forward a telegraphic message of sympathy and regret that his long record of attendance had been broken.

Grand Rapids, May 16, 1922

Dorr Darling, Past Illus. Master,
Jonesville, Michigan:

The members of Grand Council Royal and Select Masters of the State of Michigan extend to you their deep regret that your illness prevents your attending this assembly. With the hope for your early recovery.

CHARLES A. CONOVER,
Grand Recorder.

The Grand Recorder read letters just received explaining the absence of Past Grand Masters George A. Cross and Emory Townsend, and messages of sympathy were ordered sent.

Detroit, Michigan, May 16, 1922.

Chas. A. Conover,
Grand Council R. & S. M.,
Grand Rapids, Mich.

DEAR BROTHER CONOVER:

This is to advise you that my father-in-law, Mr. Geo. A. Cross, of Lawrence, Michigan, is critically ill. He suffered a stroke of paralysis on the 6th inst. and Mrs. Wakeman, who is at his bedside, advises me that he is gradually growing weaker.

For many years Mr. Cross, as you know, spent a great deal of his time and derived much pleasure from his Masonic activities. On account of his warm friendship for you, which he has expressed to me on many occasions, I felt that you would like to know of the misfortune which has befallen Mr. Cross.

He has not missed an annual meeting of the Grand Masonic bodies for many years, and was planning to be with you in Grand Rapids again this year.

He still retains his faculties and is able to talk a little. I am confident that he would be able to realize any message that you might care to send to him, and I am quite sure that it would afford him some comfort.

Fraternally,

FRANK N. WAKEMAN.

Saginaw, Michigan, May 5, 1922.

Charles A. Conover, Esq.,
Grand Recorder,
Coldwater, Michigan:

MY DEAR CHARLEY:

You may not know that January first I severely hurt my back again, and am not able to get around decently, or transact any business.

April first Mrs. Townsend passed away through an operation in a hospital, and that almost killed me. Do not believe that I will be able to be with you the fifteenth in Grand Rapids.

I remain as ever,

Your Friend,

EMORY TOWNSEND.

Report of Committee on Resolutions

Companion Charles H. Patterson, P. G. M., Chairman of Committee on Resolutions and Thanks, read the report, which was adopted as follows:

To the M. I. Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Council R. & S. M. of Michigan:

WHEREAS: Your Committee on Resolutions feel that the success of this Sixty-fourth Annual Assembly of the Grand Council, R. & S. M. of Michigan, is greatly due to the efficient and untiring efforts of our good companions of Tyre Council No. 10, R. & S. M. of Grand Rapids. Therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That the Sixty-fourth Annual Assembly of the Grand Council, R. & S. M. of Michigan extend to Tyre Council No. 10 their most sincere appreciation for the many courtesies extended, and be it further

RESOLVED: That the sincere thanks and full appreciation of this Sixty-fourth Annual Assembly be extended to Alma Council No. 85, R. & S. M., for their very excellent and impressive rendition of the Super Excellent degree last evening, more especially on account of the fact that they are the baby council of the state; and be it further

RESOLVED: That we extend to our visiting companions, Wm. F. Kuhn, M. E. General Grand High Priest of the General Grand Chapter, R. A. M. of the U. S. A., and Chas. C. Thomas, Grand Master of the Grand Council, R. & S. M., of Indiana, our very heartfelt appreciation for the honor and inspiration of their presence.

C. H. PATTERSON,

WM. E. GOFF,

Committee.

Report of Ritual Committee

Companion Charles A. Conover, Chairman of the Committee on Ritual, submitted the following report, which was unanimously adopted:

To the Grand Council:

Your Committee on Ritual to which was referred the matter of third section of the Super Excellent degree respectfully report that the time is too limited to give the careful consideration to the question which it deserves at this session and respectfully request that further time be granted to make a report.

Respectfully submitted,

CHAS. A. CONOVER,

C. H. PATTERSON,

FRANK O. GILBERT,

FRANK SCADDEN.

Committee.

Election of Grand Officers

The hour having arrived for the order of election of Grand Officers the M. I. Grand Master appointed as

TELLERS:

Companions CHARLES V. CALKINS, George Hill No. 85.
CLAUD E. CARPENTER, Muskegon No. 54.
BEN J. HENDERSON, Bay City No. 53.
FRED J. HEUMANN, Traverse City No. 61.

Grand Council Officers

After a careful scrutiny of the ballots cast, the following companions having a majority of all votes cast, were declared duly elected to the several offices named for the ensuing year:

HOWARD EDGAR SLOCUM, Corunna, M. I. Grand Master.

WILLIS VIRGIL CAPRON, Frankfort, Deputy Grand Master.

CHARLES WADE MIXER, Hastings, Grand Principal Conductor of Work.

DALLAS DOW ALTON, P. G. M., Fremont, Grand Treasurer.

CHARLES ARTHUR CONOVER, Coldwater, Grand Recorder.

FRANK SCADDEN, P. G. M., Crystal Falls, Grand Lecturer.

JOHN CLAFLIN, Eaton Rapids, Grand Chaplain.

WILLARD B. OAKES, Lansing, Grand Captain of Guard.

NEIL EDWIN REID, Mount Clemens, Grand Conductor of Council.

DANIEL WILLARD McMILLAN, Detroit, Grand Steward.

JAMES F. MCGREGOR, Detroit, Grand Sentinel.

Report on Appeals

Companion Daniel W. McMillan, Chairman of the Committee on Appeals, reported for that committee that no matter of appeals or grievances had been brought to the attention of that committee, and that it found the condition as follows:

To the Most Illustrious Grand Master, Officers and Companions:

Your Committee on Appeals and Grievances beg leave to report that there are no appeals or grievances. Peace and harmony prevail throughout this Grand Jurisdiction.

Fraternally submitted,

DAN W. McMILLAN,

CHAS. E. MORRISON,

A. E. SANGSTER.

Committee.

Correspondence Report

Companion Charles A. Conover, Committee on Correspondence, reported that the usual review of the printed proceedings of other Grand Councils had been made and the copy was nearly ready for printing in the proceedings, and would be completed at once.

Dues Remitted

On motion of Companion Wm. E. Goff, the dues for the current year against Inverness Council No. 60, of Cheboygan,

were remitted on account of the disastrous fire suffered by that council on March 8, last.

Expense of Super Excellent

Companion Wm. E. Golf moved that certain expenses connected with the Super Excellent degree work of last evening be paid by Grand Council on receipt of the items by the Grand Recorder. Carried.

In this connection Comp. Goff told of a recent visit of Battle Creek Council to Vicksburg, where the Super Excellent degree was put on and one of the candidates was 89 years old, being hale and hearty, in full possession of his faculties. He thought this must be a record.

Report of Jurisprudence Committee

Companion Lou B. Winsor, P. G. M., Chairman of the Committee on Jurisprudence, read the following reports of that committee, which were adopted:

To the Most Illustrious Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of the State of Michigan:

Your Committee on Jurisprudence to whom was referred those portions of the annual address of the Most Illustrious Grand Master entitled "Dispensations" and "Decisions," would respectfully report that they have carefully reviewed same and we find that in issuing the dispensations our Most Illustrious Grand Master has exercised wise and good judgment for the best interests of Cryptic Masonry

and that his decisions are all in accordance with the laws of this Grand Council and we therefore recommend that the same be approved.

Your committee also take this occasion to commend the Most Illustrious Grand Master, Andrew L. Arthur, for the zeal and energy he has displayed during the past year in the administration of his office and we feel that Cryptic Masonry has made another long step forward in our Grand Jurisdiction during his term of office.

All of which is fraternally submitted,

LOU B. WINSOR,
C. H. PATTERSON,
FRANK V. HALE.

Jurisprudence Committee.

To the Most Illustrious Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of the State of Michigan:

Your Committee on Jurisprudence to whom was referred the recommendation of the Most Illustrious Grand Master that a separate date be set for our annual meeting, independent of the Grand Chapter meeting, has given said recommendation careful consideration, but your committee are unable to agree with the Most Illustrious Grand Master. Cryptic and Capitular Masonry have been so closely associated in our Grand Jurisdiction during their entire history and always so harmoniously and enjoyably that it would seem a pity to start divorce proceedings when such a happy condition of affairs exists.

Your committee do realize, however, that there is not sufficient time allotted for the proper transaction of the business of the Grand Council and we would therefore recommend that Section 4 of the Constitution of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Michigan be amended by striking out the figures "7:30" and inserting in place thereof the figures "4:00," so that said section, as amended, shall read as follows:

"The Annual Assembly of this Grand Council shall be held on the third Monday in May of each year, at 4:00 o'clock P. M., central standard time, in such city as Grand Chapter, R. A. M. of Michigan shall select for its convocations, or at at such other place as the Grand Council may determine, at which assembly the Grand Officers shall be elected and installed; Provided, That no officer can be installed by proxy. Special assemblies may be called by the Grand Master when-

ever in his judgment the interests of the craft may require.”
All of which is fraternally submitted,

LOU B. WINSOR,
C. H. PATTERSON,
FRANK V. HALE.
Jurisprudence Committee.

The report of the committee being concurred in, on motion of Companion Winsor the amendment to the constitution was then placed on its passage and was unanimously adopted. Hereafter the annual assemblies of Grand Council will begin at 4:00 o'clock P. M. on the third Monday of May.

To the Most Illustrious Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of the State of Michigan:

Your Committee on Jurisprudence to whom was referred the resolution of Companion Fred G. Heumann, Thrice Illustrious Master of Traverse City Council No. 61, to repeal the amendment made to the Constitution at the last annual assembly, held in the City of Lansing in 1921, relative to the issuing of dispensations for conferring the Super Excellent Master degree, would respectfully report that your committee feel that this would be taking a step backward. Your committee recommended the change last year after giving the matter their best judgment and see no reason for changing their minds at this time, consequently, we recommend that the said resolution be not adopted.

All of which is fraternally submitted,

LOU B. WINSOR,
C. H. PATTERSON,
FRANK V. HALE.
Jurisprudence Committee.

Time and Place of Next Meeting

To the M. I. Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Council R. & S. M. of Michigan:

Your Committee on Next Place of Meeting would respectfully recommend that we meet at the same place as, and the day previous

to the annual meeting of the Grand Chapter of Michigan, as has been the custom heretofore.

C. E. CONVERSE,
A. E. CHESLEY,
W. H. BARNUM.

Committee.

Adopted.

Jewel and Apron Presented

Companion John P. Wood then presented to Past Grand Master Andrew L. Arthur the regulation Past Grand Master's jewel and apron, and expressed the feelings of close friendship that had been formed during the several years they had worked together. Companion Arthur expressed his deep gratitude for the favors shown him by Grand Council.

Unfinished Business

Companion Chas. V. Calkins, Chairman of the Committee on Unfinished Business, presented the report of that committee, which was adopted as follows:

To the Most Illustrious Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Council R. & S. M. of the State of Michigan:

Your committee to whom was referred the matter of unfinished business, beg leave to report as follows:

We have very carefully examined the proceedings of the Grand Council Session of 1921, and find the work of that session to be complete and no unfinished business to come before this session.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

C. V. CALKINS,
C. E. LONG,
LELAND HELFER.
Committee.

Installation of Grand Officers

Companion Lou B. Winsor, P. M. I. G. M., then installed the Grand Officers elected into their respective offices with his own official ritual, Past Grand Master Converse acting as Grand Marshal.

Standing Committees

The M. I. Grand Master then appointed the following Standing Committees for the ensuing year:

JURISPRUDENCE:

Companions LOU B. WINSOR, P. G. M., Grand Rapids.
GEORGE W. LEEDLE, Marshall.
WILLIAM M. PERRETT, Detroit.

FINANCE:

Companions JOHN H. KINGSLEY, P. G. M., Manchester.
LOUIS N. SHEARDY, Corunna.
J. CHARLES FLYNN, St. Johns.

OBITUARIES:

Companions REV. JOHN CLAFIN, Eaton Rapids.
HUGH M. NICHOLS, Corunna.
ARTHUR J. FOX, Almont.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Companion CHARLES A. CONOVER, Coldwater.

RITUALS:

Companions CHARLES A. CONOVER, Coldwater.

FRANK SCADDEN, Crystal Falls.

WALTER H. FRENCH, Lansing.

FRANK V. HALE, Pontiac.

FRANK O. GILBERT, Bay City.

Order of DeMolay for Boys

The Grand Recorder reminded those members who might not be staying over for the convocation of the Grand Chapter they should not miss the opportunity to witness the work of Grand Rapids Chapter of the Order of DeMolay for Boys, to be put on this evening at the Auditorium, when a class of boys would be initiated. Many requests and inquiries for further information were made, which demonstrated a deep interest in this new work for the sons of Master Masons.

Closing

No further business appearing the Grand Master closed the Grand Council in AMPLE FORM at 11:50 A. M. The next annual assembly will be held in the City of Flint, Monday, May 14, 1923, at 4:00 P. M.

HOWARD E. SLOCUM,
M. I. Grand Master.



Attest:

Chas. A. Crover

Grand Recorder.

APPENDIX

MAIL LISTS

ABSTRACTS OF RETURNS

COMPARATIVE TABLES

HISTORICAL

MEMORIALS

LISTS OF OFFICERS

| Name and Location of Councils | T. I. Masters | Recorders |
|---------------------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------|
| 1\|Monroe, Detroit..... | Gledhill Akroyd..... | Frank P. Wilcox |
| 3\|Pontiac, Pontiac..... | Albert E. Chesley..... | Wm. H. Davey |
| 4\|River Raisin, Dundee..... | J. Golden Zabel..... | Roy M. Sperry |
| 5\|Jonesville, Jonesville..... | DeWitte C. Straitt..... | Ernest H. Saxton |
| 6\|Mt. Moriah, Coldwater..... | Wm. H. Simons..... | Chas. L. Keep |
| 8\|Mt. Clemens, Mt. Clemens..... | Albert B. Gemmer..... | J. J. Whitney |
| 9\|Zabud, Battle Creek..... | Thomas D. Ensign..... | Will M. Robinson |
| 10\|Tyre, Grand Rapids..... | Claud E. Long..... | Wm. L. Freeman |
| 11\|Union, Ypsilanti..... | Elmer Warner..... | Joseph R. Dell |
| 12\|Ionia, Ionia..... | Warren K. McSween..... | Wm. F. Soule |
| 13\|Sturgis, Sturgis..... | Allen H. Goodwin..... | Frank Leestma |
| 15\|Mt. Ararat, Hillsdale..... | James S. Potter..... | John F. Fitzsimmons |
| 16\|Putnam, Hudson..... | Gage Wyckoff..... | Thos. H. Howes |
| 18\|Adrian, Adrian..... | Royal M. Stetson..... | Milton E. Ingersoll |
| 19\|Niles, Niles..... | Leon O. Karker..... | Edward Zwergel |
| 20\|Saginaw, Saginaw..... | Leslie J. Wallace..... | Frank L. Robinson |
| 21\|St. Johns, St. Johns..... | Charles Flynn..... | Wm. Cochrane |
| 23\|Portland, Portland..... | John B. Hecox..... | Chas. F. Gliden |
| 24\|Adoniram, Manchester..... | Mat D. Blosser..... | Albert A. Nevereth |
| 25\|King Solomon, Big Rapids..... | Fred R. Everett..... | Edward C. Amphlett |
| 26\|Clinton, Clinton..... | Charles D. Starrett..... | Henry R. Palmer |
| 27\|Oceana, Pentwater..... | Edward L. Bates..... | Daniel J. Halstead |
| 29\|Lansing, Lansing..... | Chas. A. Torrey..... | Harvey T. Bortle |
| 32\|Jackson, Jackson..... | Alfred R. Johnson..... | Clarence L. Curtis |
| 33\|Ithaca, Ithaca..... | Leland Helfer..... | Frank M. Harrington |
| 34\|Blanchard, Tecumseh..... | Joseph H. Smith..... | George S. Field |
| 35\|Union City, Union City..... | Louis A. Streeter..... | George G. Gray |
| 36\|Charlotte, Charlotte..... | Ernest L. Hunter..... | Charles O. Romey |
| 37\|Nebuzaradan, Three Rivers..... | Taylor Simanton..... | Melbert W. Lott |
| 38\|Corunna, Corunna..... | Bert L. Johnson..... | Edwin F. Conant, |
| | | Owosso |
| 39\|Holly, Holly..... | E. C. Walton..... | W. H. Carr |
| 43\|Lawrence, Lawrence..... | Clarence M. Jennings..... | Leslie Whiteman |
| 44\|St. Joseph, St. Joseph..... | John Habel..... | Leonard E. Merchant |
| 45\|South Haven, South Haven..... | Milford T. French..... | Melvin E. Pearman |
| 46\|Manistee, Manistee..... | Chas. W. O'Donnell..... | Ole P. Hanson |
| 48\|Ludington, Ludington..... | Malcolm Whalen..... | Claude B. Bailey |
| 49\|Giblum, Hastings..... | Hubert D. Cook..... | Frank E. Adair |
| 50\|Leslie, Leslie..... | Wm. H. Johnston..... | Maurice P. Compton |
| 52\|Petoskey, Petoskey..... | Frank L. French..... | Carl Tousley |
| 53\|Bay City, Bay City..... | M. Seth Babcock..... | Edgar M. Sharp |
| 54\|Muskegon, Muskegon..... | Claude E. Carpenter..... | F. B. Hinchman |
| 55\|Reed City, Reed City..... | Carl W. Tiffeny..... | Homer J. Crocker |
| 56\|Flint, Flint..... | Irving H. Larkin..... | Chas. S. H. Chase |
| 57\|Albion, Albion..... | Fred H. Blanchard..... | F. Laberteaux |
| 58\|Sahgonahkato, Alpena..... | Ralph J. Cohen..... | William E. Williams |
| 59\|Marine City, Marine City..... | George Nelson Jones..... | Hiram Calkins |
| 60\|Inverness, Cheboygan..... | John Reid..... | Wilbur F. Reed |
| 61\|Traverse City, Trav. City..... | Fred G. Heumann..... | E. P. Allen |
| 62\|Grand Ledge, Grand Ledge..... | J. Mason Soper..... | E. P. Mills |
| 63\|Kalamazoo, Kalamazoo..... | David DeMeyer..... | Earl N. Worth |
| 64\|Williamston, Williamston..... | Roy H. Hagerman..... | Chas. E. Morrison |
| 65\|Hiawatha, Manistiquie..... | Christopher E. Kaye..... | Harry Adams |
| 67\|King Cyrus, Crystal Falls..... | Frank Scadden..... | E. J. Oswald |
| 68\|St. Louis, St. Louis..... | John H. Tuger..... | Vere E. Nunn |
| 69\|Sault Ste. Marie, S. S. Marie..... | Henry Barton..... | David E. Van Dusen |
| 70\|Cadillac, Cadillac..... | James A. Foster..... | John W. Reiser |
| 71\|David S. Kendall, Houghton..... | Edward C. Mitchell..... | Albert Foote |
| 72\|Marquette, Marquette..... | Fred J. Schultheis..... | J. Aug. Anderson |
| 73\|Livingston, Howell..... | Royal C. Hardy..... | William E. Beach |
| 74\|Fred L. Wells, Port Huron..... | Chas. H. Canfield..... | Fred C. Ballentine |
| 75\|Darius, Iron Mountain..... | James F. Martin..... | Chas. E. Anderson |
| 76\|Fremont, Fremont..... | Wm. H. Barnum..... | P. A. Jibson |
| 77\|Sandusky, Sandusky..... | Kenneth H. McKenzie..... | Thos. E. Dawson |
| 78\|Colon, Colon..... | Wm. E. Doran..... | Fabius A. Fisk |
| 79\|Mt. Sinai, Bronson..... | Lee M. Cattell..... | Albert M. Shepard |
| 80\|Bessemer, Bessemer..... | Frank J. McMinn..... | Roderick McDonald, |
| | | Ironwood |
| 82\|Benzle, Frankfort..... | James Patterson..... | Birney M. Collier |
| 83\|Eaton Rapids, Eaton Rapids..... | Jchn Wells..... | Herbert A. Gillett |
| 84\|Almont, Almont..... | Arthur J. Fox..... | U. B. Shoemaker |
| 85\|George Hill, Alma..... | Chas. V. Calkins..... | Nelson D. Taylor |
| 86 Ann Arbor, Ann Arbor..... | Oron J. R. Bury..... | John B. High |
| 87 Vicksburg, Vicksburg..... | Chas. F. Brown..... | Bert R. Platt |

ABSTRACT OF RETURNS

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| No. | Name of Council
and Location | Members
Dec. 27, 1920 | Super-Ex. Mastrs | Admitted. | Restored. | Died. | Dimitted. | Suspended. | Members
Dec. 27, 1921 | Life Members. | Assemblies Held. | Stated
Assemblies |
|-----|----------------------------------|--------------------------|------------------|-----------|-----------|-------|-----------|------------|--------------------------|---------------|------------------|----------------------|
| 1 | Monroe, Detroit..... | 1,815 | 277 | 5 | 29 | 12 | 121 | 1,935 | 11 | 21 | 1st Monday | |
| 3 | Pontiac, Pontiac..... | 411 | 28 | 4 | 5 | 2 | 7 | 429 | 8 | 16 | 1st Monday | |
| 4 | River Raisin, Monroe..... | 89 | 7 | 1 | 1 | | | 95 | 6 | 6 | 2nd Tuesday | |
| 5 | Jonesville, Jonesville..... | 161 | 19 | | 2 | | | 176 | 1 | | 3rd Thursday | |
| 6 | Mt. Moriah, Coldwater..... | 197 | 21 | | | | | 217 | 2 | 12 | 2nd Monday | |
| 8 | Mt. Clemens, Mt. Clemens..... | 280 | 35 | | 1 | | | 312 | 6 | 4 | 1st Monday | |
| 9 | Zabud, Battle Creek..... | 284 | 174 | 5 | 2 | 4 | 2 | 456 | 6 | 23 | 2nd Friday | |
| 10 | Tyre, Grand Rapids..... | 745 | 67 | 3 | 3 | 7 | 3 | 807 | 15 | 7 | 2nd Tuesday | |
| 11 | Union, Ypsilanti..... | 339 | 16 | 1 | 7 | 50 | 2 | 297 | 11 | 12 | 3rd Wednesday | |
| 12 | Ionla, Ionla..... | 138 | 26 | 2 | 3 | 2 | | 161 | 5 | 3rd | Thursday | |
| 13 | Sturgis, Sturgis..... | 59 | 37 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 93 | 9 | 1st | Thursday | |
| 15 | Mt. Ararat, Hillsdale..... | 208 | 52 | 2 | 4 | 2 | 1 | 255 | 7 | 13 | 2nd Monday | |
| 16 | Putnam, Hudson..... | 103 | 44 | | 3 | 3 | | 141 | 7 | | Fri on or after | |
| 18 | Adrian, Adrian..... | 163 | 9 | | 6 | 1 | | 165 | 3 | 14 | 1st Tuesday | |
| 19 | Niles, Niles..... | 125 | 21 | | 2 | | | 144 | 1 | 8 | Thursday after | |
| 20 | Saginaw, Saginaw..... | 341 | 78 | 2 | 5 | 3 | | 413 | 7 | 24 | 1st Monday | |
| 21 | St. Johns, St. Johns..... | 147 | 30 | | 5 | | | 172 | 9 | 2nd | Wednesday | |
| 23 | Portland, Portland..... | 62 | 4 | | 3 | | | 63 | 1 | 6 | 3rd Wednesday | |
| 24 | Adoniram, Manchester..... | 194 | 5 | 4 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 202 | 8 | 1st | Tuesday | |
| 25 | King Solomon, Big Rapids..... | 66 | 3 | 1 | | | | 70 | 1 | 9 | 1st Tuesday | |
| 26 | Clinton, Clinton..... | 48 | 19 | | 2 | 3 | 2 | 43 | 6 | 1st | Thursday | |
| 27 | Oceana, Pentwater..... | 49 | 19 | | 2 | 2 | 1 | 67 | 1 | 14 | 1st Monday | |
| 29 | Lansing, Lansing..... | 466 | 46 | 6 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 506 | 7 | 13 | 1st Wednesday | |
| 32 | Jackson, Jackson..... | 526 | 128 | 2 | 7 | 5 | 1 | 643 | 6 | 14 | 2nd Monday | |
| 33 | Ithaca, Ithaca..... | 42 | 31 | | 2 | | | 71 | 7 | 16 | 2nd Thursday | |
| 34 | Blanchard, Tecumseh..... | 144 | 1 | | 4 | 1 | | 140 | 5 | 3 | 1st Tuesday | |
| 35 | Union City, Union City..... | 84 | 3 | | 1 | 1 | 1 | 85 | 4 | 9 | 2nd Wednesday | |
| 36 | Charlotte, Charlotte..... | 223 | 68 | | 1 | 6 | 1 | 285 | 9 | 1st | Friday | |
| 37 | Nebuzaradan, Three Rivers..... | 69 | 1 | | 1 | 1 | | 69 | 5 | 3rd | Wednesday | |
| 38 | Corunna, Corunna..... | 188 | 52 | 3 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 243 | 1 | 12 | 2nd Monday | |
| 39 | Holly, Holly..... | 61 | 13 | 1 | 1 | | | 74 | 2 | 4 | 3rd Tuesday | |
| 43 | Lawrence, Lawrence..... | 243 | 34 | | 1 | 7 | 3 | 268 | 6 | 5 | Thursday after | |
| 44 | St. Joseph, St. Joseph..... | 177 | 47 | 1 | 4 | | | 221 | 1 | 15 | 1st Thursday | |
| 45 | South Haven, South Haven..... | 129 | 9 | 1 | 1 | 2 | | 136 | 6 | 7 | 3rd Friday | |
| 46 | Manistee, Manistee..... | 87 | 80 | | 4 | | | 163 | 1 | 6 | 3rd Friday | |
| 48 | Ludington, Ludington..... | 73 | 33 | | 3 | 2 | | 101 | 3 | 9 | 1st Tuesday | |
| 49 | Giblum, Hastings..... | 63 | 21 | 1 | 2 | | | 87 | 4 | 11 | 2nd Monday | |
| 50 | Leslie, Leslie..... | 136 | 19 | 1 | 3 | | | 153 | 1 | 9 | 2nd Thursday | |
| 52 | Petoskey, Petoskey..... | 179 | 27 | | 1 | 5 | 2 | 200 | 10 | 1st | Monday | |
| 53 | Bay City, Bay City..... | 166 | 7 | | 3 | | 2 | 168 | 16 | 2 | 2nd Monday | |
| 54 | Muskegon, Muskegon..... | 308 | 81 | 4 | 1 | 5 | 3 | 386 | 5 | 17 | 1st Friday | |
| 55 | Reed City, Reed City..... | 63 | | | | | | 61 | 1 | 1st | Friday | |
| 56 | Flint, Flint..... | 295 | 58 | 1 | 1 | 4 | 2 | 349 | 10 | 1st | Monday | |
| 57 | Albion, Albion..... | 144 | 23 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 163 | 3 | 2nd | Friday | |
| 58 | Sahgonahkato, Alpena..... | 100 | | | | 2 | 1 | 97 | 3 | 6 | 1st Thursday | |
| 59 | Marine City, Marine City..... | 151 | 15 | | 1 | | | 165 | 14 | 1st | Wednesday | |
| 60 | Inverness, Cheboygan..... | 74 | 3 | | 3 | 1 | | 73 | 9 | 3rd | Wednesday | |
| 61 | Traverse City, Trav. City..... | 177 | 13 | | 1 | | | 189 | 5 | 14 | 1st Friday | |
| 62 | Grand Ledge, Grand Ledge..... | 50 | 21 | | | | | 71 | 3 | 9 | 1st Monday | |
| 63 | Kalamazoo, Kalamazoo..... | 292 | 70 | 4 | 2 | 4 | 12 | 352 | 11 | 1st | Thursday | |
| 64 | Williamston, Williamston..... | 51 | 22 | | 1 | | | 72 | 1 | 9 | 1st Monday | |
| 65 | Hiawatha, Manistique..... | 147 | 2 | | 3 | | | 146 | 4 | 1st | Tuesday | |
| 67 | King Cyrus, Crystal Falls..... | 85 | 22 | | 1 | 1 | | 105 | 5 | 1st | Tuesday | |
| 68 | St. Louis, St. Louis..... | 61 | 5 | | 1 | | | 65 | 1 | 2nd | Monday | |
| 69 | Sit. St. Marie, S. S. Marie..... | 121 | 2 | 1 | 5 | | | 119 | 10 | 2nd | Thursday | |
| 70 | Cadillac, Cadillac..... | 93 | 16 | 2 | 1 | 1 | | 109 | 7 | 3rd | Tuesday | |
| 71 | David S. Kendall, Houghton..... | 203 | 24 | | 1 | 3 | 2 | 173 | 7 | 3rd | Thursday | |
| 72 | Marquette, Marquette..... | 76 | 26 | | | 1 | | 101 | 10 | 3rd | Wednesday | |

ABSTRACT OF RETURNS

| No. | Name of Council and Location | Members
Dec. 27, 1920 | Super Ex. Matrs | Admitted | Restored | Died | Dimitted | Suspended | Members,
Dec. 27, 1921 | Life Members | Assemblies Held | Stated
Assemblies |
|-----|------------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------|----------|----------|------|----------|-----------|---------------------------|--------------|-----------------|----------------------|
| 73 | Livingston, Howell | 41 | 6 | | | 1 | | | 46 | | 3 | 2nd Tuesday |
| 74 | Fred L. Wells, Port Huron | 198 | 7 | | 1 | 2 | 3 | 2 | 199 | | 9 | 2nd Monday |
| 75 | Darius, Iron Mountain | 46 | 15 | | | 1 | | | 59 | | 10 | 2nd Thursday |
| 76 | Fremont, Fremont | 62 | 4 | | | 2 | 1 | 1 | 62 | | 2 | 2nd Tuesday |
| 77 | Sandusky, Sandusky | 97 | | | | | | | 97 | | 5 | Thurs after 2d Wed |
| 78 | Colon, Colon | 64 | 6 | | | | | 1 | 69 | | 11 | 1st Thursday |
| 79 | Mt Sinai, Bronson | 82 | | 1 | | | | | 83 | | 6 | 2nd Thursday |
| 80 | Bessemer, Bessemer | 25 | 2 | | | 1 | | | 26 | | 4 | 2nd Wednesday |
| 82 | Benzie, Frankfort | 81 | 25 | | | | | | 106 | 1 | 16 | 3rd Thursday |
| 83 | Eaton Rapids, Eaton Rapids | 78 | 6 | | | 1 | 1 | | 82 | | 5 | 1st Thursday |
| 84 | Almont, Almont | 29 | 82 | 1 | | | | | 112 | | 17 | 1st Tuesday |
| 85 | George Hill, Alma | 27 | 50 | 3 | | 1 | | | 79 | | 21 | 2nd Thursday |
| 86 | Ann Arbor, Ann Arbor | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 87 | Vicksburg, Vicksburg | | | | | | | | | | | 1st Thursday |
| | | 12,401 | 2,196 | 64 | 26 | 200 | 139 | 206 | 14,142 | 170 | 643 | |

RECAPITULATION OF RETURNS.

| | 1921 | 1922 |
|------------------------------------|--------|--------|
| Number of Councils | 70 | 72 |
| Total membership last year..... | 10,198 | 12,401 |
| Passed the Circle in the year..... | 2,398 | 2,196 |
| Affiliated | 118 | 64 |
| Restored | 35 | 26 |
| Total membership and gains..... | 12,749 | 14,687 |
| Died | 181 | 200 |
| Dimitted | 130 | 139 |
| Suspended | 37 | 206 |
| Total losses | 348 | 545 |
| Total membership of Councils..... | 10,401 | 14,142 |
| Net gain for year..... | 2,203 | 1,741 |

Only three Councils still meet by the full of the moon.

Thirty-six Councils greeted 20 or over in 1921.

Fifty-nine Councils gained in members.

Nine Councils lost in members: Nos. 11, 26, 34, 55, 58, 60, 65, 69, 71.

Three Councils same members: Nos. 37, 76, 77.

Seven Councils having no greetings: Nos. 26, 34, 37, 55, 58, 77, 79.

Numbers of defunct Councils: 2, 7, 14, 17, 22, 28, 30, 31, 40, 41, 42, 47, 51, 66, 81.

INFORMATION TABLES

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| No. | Name and Location | No in Arrears
for dues | Unpaid Dues on
Ledger | Annual Dues | Fees for the
Degrees | Does Council Work
S. E. Full Form | Have Library for
Laws |
|-----|-------------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------|-------------|-------------------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1 | Monroe, Detroit | | | \$3.00 | \$25.00 | Yes | Yes |
| 3 | Pontiac, Pontiac | 23 | \$ 83.00 | 1.00 | 15.00 | Yes | No |
| 4 | River Raisin, Monroe | 54 | 198.00 | 1.00 | 15.00 | | |
| 5 | Jonesville, Jonesville | 26 | 37.00 | 1.00 | 10.00 | No | Yes |
| 6 | Mt. Moriah, Coldwater | 25 | 25.00 | 1.00 | 10.00 | Yes | Yes |
| 8 | Mt. Clemens, Mt. Clemens | 48 | 151.00 | 1.00 | 15.00 | Yes | Yes |
| 9 | Zabud, Battle Creek | 144 | 343.50 | 1.50 | 15.00 | Yes | Yes |
| 10 | Tyre, Grand Rapids | 67 | 92.00 | 1.00 | 15.00 | Yes | No |
| 11 | Union, Ypsilanti | 61 | 355.00 | 1.00 | 10.00 | Yes | No |
| 12 | Ionia, Ionia | 40 | 40.00 | 1.00 | 10.00 | Yes | No |
| 13 | Sturgis, Sturgis | 1 | 44.75 | 1.00 | 10.00 | | No |
| 15 | Mt. Ararat, Hillsdale | 19 | 121.00 | 1.00 | 15.00 | Yes | No |
| 16 | Putnam, Hudson | 18 | 91.00 | 1.00 | 15.00 | | Yes |
| 18 | Adrian, Adrian | 4 | 60.00 | 1.00 | 10.00 | No | Yes |
| 19 | Niles, Niles | | | 1.00 | 10.00 | Yes | Yes |
| 20 | Saginaw, Saginaw | 75 | 170.00 | 2.00 | 15.00 | Yes | Yes |
| 21 | St. Johns, St. Johns | | | .50 | 10.00 | Yes | No |
| 23 | Portland, Portland | 28 | | 2.00 | 10.00 | No | No |
| 24 | Adoniram, Manchester | 96 | 152.00 | 1.00 | 15.00 | No | No |
| 25 | King Solomon, Big Rapids | 11 | 48.50 | .50 | 10.00 | Yes | Yes |
| 26 | Clinton, Clinton | 20 | 60.00 | 1.00 | 10.00 | No | Yes |
| 27 | Oceana, Pentwater | 1 | 1.85 | .50 | 10.00 | No | No |
| 29 | Lansing, Lansing | 29 | 109.00 | 1.00 | 15.00 | Yes | No |
| 32 | Jackson, Jackson | 152 | 809.00 | 1.00 | 15.00 | Yes | Yes |
| 33 | Ithaca, Ithaca | 14 | 28.50 | .50 | 10.00 | | Yes |
| 34 | Blanchard, Tecumseh | 28 | 69.00 | 1.00 | 10.00 | Yes | No |
| 35 | Union City, Union City | 7 | 30.00 | .50 | 10.00 | No | Yes |
| 36 | Charlotte, Charlotte | 27 | 167.00 | 1.00 | 10.00 | Yes | Yes |
| 37 | Nebuzaradan, Three Rivers | 5 | 37.10 | .75 | 15.00 | | No |
| 38 | Corunna, Corunna | 43 | 116.00 | .50 | 10.00 | No | No |
| 39 | Holly, Holly | 15 | 38.00 | .50 | 10.00 | No | Yes |
| 43 | Lawrence, Lawrence | 65 | 254.00 | 1.00 | 10.00 | Yes | Yes |
| 44 | St. Joseph, St. Joseph | 32 | 164.75 | 1.00 | 20.00 | Yes | No |
| 45 | South Haven, South Haven | 16 | 48.00 | 1.00 | 10.00 | Yes | Yes |
| 46 | Manistee, Manistee | 16 | 140.50 | 1.00 | 10.00 | Yes | Yes |
| 48 | Ludington, Ludington | 1 | 6.50 | .50 | 15.00 | | Yes |
| 49 | Giblum, Hastings | 4 | 18.51 | 2.00 | 15.00 | Yes | No |
| 50 | Leslie, Leslie | 21 | 194.40 | 1.00 | 10.00 | Yes | Yes |
| 52 | Petoskey, Petoskey | 7 | 46.00 | 1.00 | 10.00 | Yes | Yes |
| 53 | Bay City, Bay City | 16 | 21.00 | 1.00 | 15.00 | No | Yes |
| 54 | Muskegon, Muskegon | 150 | 600.00 | 2.00 | 15.00 | Yes | Yes |
| 55 | Reed City, Reed City | 12 | 16.00 | .50 | 10.00 | Yes | No |
| 56 | Flint, Flint | 58 | 96.00 | 1.00 | 15.00 | Yes | Yes |
| 57 | Albion, Albion | 15 | 20.00 | .50 | 10.00 | No | Yes |
| 58 | Sahgonahkato, Alpena | | | | 10.00 | | |
| 59 | Marine City, Marine City | 27 | 71.00 | 1.00 | 15.00 | Yes | Yes |
| 60 | Inverness, Cheboygan | 14 | 54.50 | 1.00 | 15.00 | Yes | No |
| 61 | Traverse City, Traverse City | 21 | 87.00 | 1.00 | 10.00 | No | Yes |
| 62 | Grand Ledge, Grand Ledge | 4 | 38.50 | .50 | 10.00 | No | No |
| 63 | Kalamazoo, Kalamazoo | 58 | 220.00 | 1.00 | 10.00 | No | Yes |
| 64 | Williamston, Williamston | 8 | 37.75 | .50 | 10.00 | No | No |
| 65 | Hiawatha, Manistique | 27 | 151.00 | 2.00 | 15.00 | No | No |
| 67 | King Cyrus, Crystal Falls | | | | 10.00 | Yes | Yes |
| 68 | St. Louis, St. Louis | 35 | 137.00 | .50 | 10.00 | No | Yes |
| 69 | Sault Ste. Marie, S. S. Marie | 14 | 43.00 | .50 | 10.00 | No | Yes |
| 70 | Cadillac, Cadillac | 8 | 58.25 | 1.00 | 10.00 | Yes | Yes |
| 71 | David S. Kendall, Houghton | 49 | | 2.00 | 10.00 | Yes | No |
| 72 | Marquette, Marquette | 17 | 132.00 | 1.00 | 10.00 | Yes | No |

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Ledger | Annual Dues | Fees for the
Degrees | Does Council Work
S. E. Full Form | Have Library for
Laws |
|-----|----------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------|-------------|-------------------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| 73 | Livingston, Howell | 4 | 24.50 | .75 | 15.00 | No | No |
| 74 | Fred L. Wells, Port Huron | 34 | 159.00 | 1.00 | 10.00 | Yes | No |
| 75 | Darius, Iron Mountain | 6 | 25.00 | 1.00 | 10.00 | No | Yes |
| 76 | Fremont, Fremont | 22 | 88.00 | 1.00 | 10.00 | Yes | Yes |
| 77 | Sandusky, Sandusky | 48 | 562.00 | 2.00 | 15.00 | No | No |
| 78 | Colon, Colon | 10 | 38.00 | 1.00 | 10.00 | No | Yes |
| 79 | Mt. Sinal, Bronson | 27 | 23.50 | .75 | 10.00 | No | No |
| 80 | Bessemer, Bessemer | 7 | 63.00 | 2.00 | 10.00 | No | Yes |
| 82 | Benzie, Frankfort | 7 | 53.00 | 1.00 | 10.00 | Yes | ..... |
| 83 | Eaton Rapids, Eaton Rapids | 7 | 45.50 | 1.00 | 10.00 | No | Yes |
| 84 | Almont, Almont | ..... | ..... | 1.00 | 10.00 | Yes | No |
| 85 | George Hill, Alma | ..... | 64.00 | 2.00 | 15.00 | Yes | Yes |

RECAPITULATION.

| | |
|--|------------|
| Number in arrears for dues more than one year..... | 1948 |
| Amount of unpaid dues on ledger | \$7,688.36 |
| Annual dues range from 50 cents to \$3.00. Average..... | 1.00 |
| Fees for Degrees range from \$10.00 to \$25.00. Average..... | 11.67 |
| Number Councils working Super Excellent long form..... | 38 |
| Number Councils having libraries for proceedings and laws..... | 39 |

SUPER EXCELLENT MASTERS GREETED FOR PRECEDING TEN YEARS, FOR CURRENT YEAR SEE "ABSTRACT OF RETURNS."

| No. and Name of Council. | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | Tot. |
|---------------------------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|------|------|------|
| 1 Monroe, Detroit..... | 20 | 46 | 61 | 48 | 17 | 44 | 99 | 19 | 171 | 511 | 1036 |
| 3 Pontiac, Pontiac..... | 7 | 25 | 12 | 14 | 77 | 25 | 36 | 4 | 42 | 50 | 292 |
| 4 River Raisin, Dundee..... | 4 | 2 | 1 | 10 | 7 | | | | 22 | | 46 |
| 5 Jonesville, Jonesville..... | 7 | 2 | 13 | 4 | 5 | 8 | 8 | 10 | 21 | 42 | 120 |
| 6 Mt. Moriah, Coldwater..... | 1 | 11 | | | | 4 | 14 | 9 | 37 | 40 | 116 |
| 8 Mt. Clemens, Mt. Clemens..... | 31 | 10 | 6 | 11 | 8 | 17 | 29 | 40 | 6 | 34 | 192 |
| 9 Zabud, Battle Creek..... | 27 | 20 | 6 | 6 | 24 | 5 | 2 | 1 | 13 | 125 | 229 |
| 10 Tyre, Grand Rapids..... | 51 | 58 | 68 | 80 | 26 | 10 | 1 | 13 | 121 | 150 | 578 |
| 11 Union, Ypsilanti..... | 11 | 15 | 10 | | 20 | 15 | 3 | 5 | 48 | 59 | 186 |
| 12 Ionia, Ionia..... | 1 | | | 7 | 13 | | | | 20 | 40 | 81 |
| 13 Sturgis, Sturgis..... | | | | 3 | | 1 | 5 | | 11 | 9 | 29 |
| 15 Mt. Ararat, Hillsdale..... | 11 | | 13 | 17 | | | 13 | 6 | 23 | 33 | 116 |
| 16 Putnam, Hudson..... | 4 | 10 | | 1 | | | 10 | | | 30 | 55 |
| 18 Adrian, Adrian..... | 7 | | 2 | 2 | | | 36 | 2 | 19 | 20 | 88 |
| 19 Niles, Niles..... | 2 | 4 | 2 | 7 | 9 | | 8 | | 36 | 4 | 72 |
| 20 Saginaw, Saginaw..... | 9 | 22 | 34 | 16 | 13 | | 7 | | 26 | 66 | 193 |
| 21 St. Johns, St. Johns..... | 16 | | | 4 | 9 | | | | 11 | 9 | 49 |
| 23 Portland, Portland..... | | | | | 3 | | | 2 | 30 | | 35 |
| 24 Adoniram, Manchester..... | 16 | | | | | | 18 | | 44 | 51 | 129 |
| 25 King Solomon, Big Rapids..... | | | | 6 | | | 6 | | | 22 | 34 |
| 26 Clinton, Clinton..... | | 1 | | 3 | 8 | | 2 | | | 2 | 16 |
| 27 Oceana, Pentwater..... | 1 | 8 | 5 | 1 | | 2 | | 1 | 7 | 4 | 29 |
| 29 Lansing, Lansing..... | 3 | 7 | 4 | 9 | 16 | 18 | 26 | 43 | 60 | 135 | 321 |
| 32 Jackson, Jackson..... | 28 | 30 | 25 | 25 | | 20 | 22 | 17 | 51 | 99 | 317 |
| 33 Ithaca, Ithaca..... | | | 4 | | | | | | 6 | | 10 |
| 34 Blanchard, Tecumseh..... | 11 | 5 | 4 | 12 | 5 | | | | 2 | 27 | 66 |
| 35 Union City, Union City..... | 2 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 2 | | 4 | 4 | 9 | 9 | 35 |
| 36 Charlotte, Charlotte..... | | 12 | 10 | 8 | 32 | 12 | 11 | | 17 | 42 | 144 |
| 37 Nebuzaradan, Three Rivers..... | 19 | 1 | 6 | 1 | | | | 2 | 9 | 12 | 50 |
| 38 Corunna, Corunna..... | 4 | | | 20 | | | 1 | | 7 | 111 | 143 |
| 39 Holly, Holly..... | 2 | | | 2 | 5 | | | 19 | 6 | 1 | 35 |
| 42 Lapeer, Lapeer*..... | 2 | 2 | 2 | | | | | | | | 6 |
| 43 Lawrence, Lawrence..... | | 19 | 5 | 22 | 6 | 3 | 16 | 28 | 3 | 22 | 124 |
| 44 St. Joseph, St. Joseph..... | 7 | | | | 38 | 7 | | 5 | 2 | 49 | 108 |
| 45 South Haven, South Haven..... | 12 | | 5 | | 11 | 2 | | 4 | | 11 | 45 |
| 46 Manistee, Manistee..... | 1 | 23 | 20 | 6 | | | | | 11 | 8 | 69 |
| 48 Ludington, Ludington..... | | 3 | | 7 | | 3 | 1 | | 7 | 9 | 30 |
| 49 Gibleum, Hastings..... | 1 | | | 2 | | 1 | 6 | | 21 | 9 | 40 |
| 50 Leslie, Leslie..... | 4 | | 10 | | 32 | 15 | 5 | | 1 | 17 | 84 |
| 51 Grand Haven, Grand Haven*..... | | 1 | | | 2 | | | | | | 3 |
| 52 Petoskey, Petoskey..... | 50 | 5 | 29 | 4 | 7 | 2 | | | | 17 | 114 |
| 53 Bay City, Bay City..... | 14 | 11 | | 8 | | 4 | | 11 | 12 | 36 | 96 |
| 54 Muskegon, Muskegon..... | | 2 | | 27 | 13 | 7 | 27 | 28 | 28 | 63 | 195 |
| 55 Reed City, Reed City..... | | | 2 | | | 3 | 3 | | 1 | 11 | 20 |
| 56 Flint, Flint..... | 34 | 48 | 27 | 3 | 16 | 5 | 28 | | 12 | 24 | 197 |
| 57 Albion, Albion..... | 3 | | | 8 | | 1 | 6 | | 7 | 21 | 46 |
| 58 Sahgonahkato, Alpena..... | 5 | 4 | | 18 | | 3 | | 7 | | 8 | 45 |
| 59 Marine City, Marine City..... | 14 | 6 | 12 | 1 | | 4 | 11 | 16 | 13 | 37 | 114 |
| 60 Inverness, Cheboygan..... | | 10 | | | | 3 | | 6 | | 4 | 25 |
| 61 Traverse City, Traverse City..... | 7 | | 1 | 1 | | 4 | 10 | | 27 | 42 | 92 |
| 62 Grand Ledge, Grand Ledge..... | 2 | 1 | | 1 | | 2 | 5 | | 11 | 2 | 24 |
| 63 Kalamazoo, Kalamazoo..... | 18 | 10 | 13 | 16 | 6 | 1 | 8 | 1 | 76 | 64 | 213 |
| 64 Williamston, Williamston..... | | | 7 | | | 4 | 5 | | | 2 | 18 |
| 65 Hiawatha, Manistique..... | 3 | | 7 | 10 | | 12 | 5 | 3 | | 2 | 42 |
| 67 King Cyrus, Crystal Falls..... | 1 | | 29 | 12 | | 8 | | | 8 | | 58 |
| 68 St. Louis, St. Louis..... | | | | | | | | | 27 | | 27 |
| 69 Sault Ste. Marie, S. S. Marie..... | 6 | 1 | | 2 | | 1 | | | 3 | 6 | 19 |
| 70 Cadillac, Cadillac..... | 1 | 3 | 7 | 13 | 4 | 3 | 1 | 4 | 9 | 10 | 55 |
| 71 David S. Kendall, Houghton..... | 14 | 16 | 3 | 1 | | 19 | | | 2 | 3 | 58 |
| 72 Marquette, Marquette..... | | | 10 | 8 | | | 2 | 1 | | 13 | 34 |
| 73 Livingston, Howell..... | 4 | | | | 3 | | | 1 | 12 | | 20 |
| 74 Fred L. Wells, Port Huron..... | 17 | 11 | 23 | 11 | 18 | 8 | 7 | 20 | 29 | 25 | 169 |
| 75 Darius, Iron Mountain..... | | | | | | 2 | | | 7 | 17 | 26 |
| 76 Fremont, Fremont..... | 16 | | 5 | | | | 7 | | | 13 | 41 |
| 77 Sandusky, Sandusky..... | 30 | 23 | 7 | 7 | 3 | 4 | 3 | | 4 | 15 | 96 |
| 78 Colon, Colon..... | 5 | 2 | 4 | 2 | | | 8 | 3 | 9 | 21 | 54 |
| 79 Mt. Sinai, Bronson..... | | | 2 | 11 | 5 | 6 | 1 | 21 | 7 | 16 | 69 |
| 80 Bessemer, Bessemer..... | | | | | 2 | 1 | | | 1 | 5 | 8 |
| 81 Charlevoix, Charlevoix..... | | | | 5 | 1 | | | | | | 6 |
| 82 Benzie, Frankfort..... | | | | 2 | 6 | | 4 | 17 | 13 | 26 | 68 |
| 83 Eaton Rapids, Eaton Rapids..... | | | | | | | | 8 | 26 | 21 | 55 |
| 84 Almont, Almont..... | | | | | | | | | | 14 | 14 |
| 85 George Hill, Alma..... | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | 566 | 480 | 529 | 527 | 472 | 318 | 530 | 381 | 1268 | 2398 | 7469 |

| Year. | Date. | Place. | No. Select Masters. | No. Super Ex. Masters | Membership. | Gain (*Loss) | Receipts. | No. Councils. |
|-------|---------|----------------|---------------------|-----------------------|-------------|--------------|-----------|---------------|
| 1858 | Jan. 13 | Detroit | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 3 |
| 1859 | Jan. 12 | Detroit | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | \$ 4.00 | 3 |
| 1860 | Jan. 11 | Detroit | ..... | ..... | 150 | ..... | 123.00 | 3 |
| 1861 | Jan. 8 | Detroit | ..... | ..... | 261 | 111 | 70.19 | 7 |
| 1861 | June 5 | Detroit | ..... | ..... | 261 | 0 | 80.00 | 10 |
| 1862 | June 12 | Detroit | ..... | ..... | 310 | 49 | 33.00 | 12 |
| 1863 | June 3 | Detroit | ..... | ..... | 368 | 58 | 60.00 | 14 |
| 1864 | June 8 | Detroit | ..... | ..... | 408 | 40 | 21.40 | 14 |
| 1865 | June 7 | Letroit | ..... | ..... | 594 | 86 | 83.00 | 14 |
| 1866 | June 6 | Detroit | ..... | ..... | 747 | 153 | 243.00 | 19 |
| 1867 | June 5 | Detroit | ..... | ..... | 860 | 123 | 219.00 | 19 |
| 1868 | Jan. 8 | Detroit | ..... | ..... | 1130 | 270 | 194.00 | 21 |
| 1869 | Jan. 13 | Detroit | ..... | ..... | 1207 | 77 | 232.51 | 23 |
| 1870 | Jan. 10 | Detroit | ..... | ..... | 1377 | 270 | 209.55 | 27 |
| 1871 | Jan. 9 | Detroit | 138 | ..... | 1599 | 222 | 320.15 | 31 |
| 1872 | Jan. 2 | Detroit | 174 | ..... | 1728 | 129 | 239.70 | 35 |
| 1873 | Jan. 1 | Detroit | 73 | ..... | 1892 | 164 | 227.20 | 35 |
| 1874 | Jan. 19 | Detroit | 208 | ..... | 1794 | 102 | 208.00 | 37 |
| 1875 | Jan. 18 | Detroit | 101 | ..... | 1930 | 136 | 167.00 | 37 |
| 1876 | Jan. 17 | Detroit | 208 | ..... | 1986 | 56 | 799.25 | 45 |
| 1877 | Jan. 15 | Detroit | 193 | ..... | 1946 | *40 | 680.00 | 49 |
| 1878 | Jan. 14 | Detroit | 143 | ..... | 2003 | 57 | 615.00 | 50 |
| 1879 | Jan. 20 | Jackson | 121 | ..... | 2000 | *3 | 581.00 | 50 |
| 1880 | Jan. 19 | Jackson | 115 | ..... | 2000 | 0 | 546.25 | 50 |
| 1881 | Jan. 17 | East Saginaw | 63 | ..... | 1979 | *21 | 459.25 | 50 |
| 1882 | Jan. 16 | Flint | 103 | ..... | 1695 | *284 | 512.98 | 50 |
| 1883 | Jan. 15 | Detroit | 131 | ..... | 1883 | 188 | 522.00 | 42 |
| 1884 | Jan. 14 | Detroit | 143 | ..... | 2059 | 176 | 602.25 | 43 |
| 1885 | Jan. 19 | Detroit | 224 | ..... | 2070 | 11 | 694.25 | 43 |
| 1886 | Jan. 18 | Detroit | 134 | ..... | 2102 | 32 | 604.00 | 44 |
| 1887 | Jan. 17 | Detroit | 140 | ..... | 2104 | 2 | 601.75 | 44 |
| 1888 | Jan. 16 | Grand Rapids | 113 | ..... | 2270 | 166 | 601.75 | 44 |
| 1889 | Jan. 14 | Grand Rapids | 172 | ..... | 2429 | 159 | 702.25 | 44 |
| 1890 | Jan. 20 | Grand Rapids | 245 | ..... | 2614 | 185 | 797.00 | 45 |
| 1891 | Jan. 19 | Detroit | 276 | ..... | 2741 | 127 | 919.75 | 46 |
| 1892 | Jan. 18 | Detroit | 218 | ..... | 3061 | 320 | 865.25 | 48 |
| 1893 | Jan. 16 | Detroit | 424 | ..... | 3360 | 299 | 1,128.75 | 46 |
| 1894 | Jan. 15 | Saginaw, E. S. | 402 | ..... | 3576 | 216 | 1,121.00 | 49 |
| 1895 | Jan. 14 | Detroit | 345 | ..... | 3736 | 160 | 1,141.00 | 49 |
| 1896 | Jan. 20 | Detroit | 271 | ..... | 4006 | 270 | 1,126.75 | 49 |
| 1897 | Jan. 18 | Saginaw | 392 | ..... | 4123 | 117 | 1,810.25 | 54 |
| 1898 | Jan. 17 | Grand Rapids | 260 | ..... | 4337 | 214 | 1,857.82 | 57 |
| 1899 | Jan. 16 | Detroit | 325 | ..... | 4327 | *10 | 1,285.25 | 59 |
| 1900 | Jan. 15 | Detroit | 241 | ..... | 4503 | 176 | 1,265.00 | 56 |
| 1901 | Jan. 14 | Detroit | 223 | ..... | 4567 | 64 | 1,185.50 | 59 |
| 1902 | Jan. 20 | Detroit | 198 | ..... | 4637 | 70 | 1,233.87 | 57 |
| 1903 | Jan. 19 | Detroit | 181 | ..... | 4808 | 171 | 1,948.00 | 58 |
| 1904 | Jan. 18 | Lansing | 324 | ..... | 5130 | 322 | 1,567.00 | 58 |
| 1905 | Jan. 16 | Detroit | 468 | ..... | 5498 | 368 | 1,684.50 | 58 |
| 1906 | May 14 | Saginaw | 509 | ..... | 5802 | 304 | 2,403.79 | 58 |
| 1907 | May 20 | Port Huron | 471 | ..... | 6365 | 563 | 2,479.19 | 61 |
| 1908 | May 18 | Detroit | 762 | ..... | 6783 | 418 | 2,016.20 | 63 |
| 1909 | May 17 | Bay City | 493 | ..... | 6992 | 209 | 1,979.60 | 63 |
| 1910 | May 16 | Lansing | 366 | ..... | 7148 | 156 | 1,967.75 | 63 |
| 1911 | June 25 | Marquette | ..... | 340 | 7562 | 414 | 2,356.50 | 64 |
| 1912 | June 24 | Grand Rapids | ..... | 572 | 7906 | 344 | 2,345.50 | 67 |
| 1913 | June 23 | Saginaw | ..... | 566 | 8217 | 311 | 2,879.00 | 68 |
| 1914 | May 18 | Detroit | ..... | 479 | 8482 | 265 | 2,957.70 | 69 |
| 1915 | May 17 | Kalamazoo | ..... | 529 | 8785 | 303 | 2,899.45 | 70 |
| 1916 | May 15 | Battle Creek | ..... | ..... | 8981 | 196 | 3,058.66 | 70 |
| 1917 | May 14 | Jackson | ..... | 472 | 8942 | *39 | 2,823.70 | 71 |
| 1918 | May 20 | Detroit | 341 | ..... | 9111 | 166 | 2,992.70 | 70 |
| 1919 | May 19 | Grand Rapids | 533 | ..... | 9196 | 85 | 2,939.60 | 69 |
| 1920 | May 17 | Saginaw | 442 | ..... | 1268 | 1002 | 4,056.25 | 69 |
| 1921 | May 16 | Lansing | 1323 | ..... | 12401 | 2203 | 6,084.60 | 70 |
| 1922 | May 15 | Grand Rapids | ..... | 2398 | 14142 | 1741 | ..... | 72 |

HISTORICAL REGISTER OF COUNCILS

| No. | Council | Location | Date of Dispensation | Date of Charter | Revoked or Surrendered | Remarks |
|-----|--------------|--------------|----------------------|---------------------|------------------------|-------------------------------|
| 1 | Monroe | Detroit | 1855. | Conn. May 12, 1857. | Rev. 1878. | Rechartered by G. C. |
| 2 | St. Clair | St. Clair | 1856. | Conn. May 12, 1857. | ..... | Records not returned |
| 3 | Pontiac | Pontiac | 1856. | Conn. May 12, 1857. | ..... | Rechart. by G. C. 1858 |
| 4 | River Raisin | Dundee | 1859 | Jan. 10, 1860. | ..... | Rem. fm. Monroe 1892 |
| 5 | Jonesville | Jonesville | 1859 | Jan. 10, 1860. | ..... | Ch. burned Dec. 1864 |
| 6 | Mt. Moriah | Coldwater | 1859 | Jan. 10, 1860. | ..... | ..... |
| 7 | Three Rivers | Three Rivers | None | Jan. 10, 1860. | ..... | ..... |
| 8 | Mt. Clemens | Mt. Clemens | 1860 | Jan. 8, 1861. | Arr. Dec. 15, 1882 | ..... |
| 9 | Zabud | Battle Creek | 1860 | Jan. 8, 1861. | Nov. 27, 1892. | Removed from Romeo |
| 10 | Tyre | Grand Rapids | 1860 | Jan. 8, 1861. | ..... | ..... |
| 11 | Union | Ypsilanti | 1861 | Jan. 5, 1861. | ..... | ..... |
| 12 | Tonia | Ionia | 1861 | June 5, 1861. | ..... | ..... |
| 13 | Sturgis | Sturgis | 1861 | June 5, 1861. | ..... | ..... |
| 14 | Hiram | Marshall | 1862 | June 3, 1862. | Rev. Dec. 15, 1882. | Charter burned 1862 |
| 15 | Mt. Ararat | Hillsdale | Oct. 6, 1864 | June 7, 1865. | ..... | Restored 1891. |
| 16 | Putnam | Hudson | Jan. 7, 1865 | June 7, 1865. | Sur. Oct. 28, 1877. | Changed name from Hudson 1896 |
| 17 | Genesee | Fentonville | Jan. 28, 1865. | June 7, 1865. | Arr. Jan. 7, 1899. | ..... |
| 18 | Adrian | Adrian | Aug. 15, 1865. | June 6, 1866. | ..... | ..... |
| 19 | Niles | Niles | Jan. 10, 1866. | June 6, 1866. | ..... | ..... |
| 20 | Saginaw | Saginaw | None | June 6, 1866. | ..... | ..... |
| 21 | St. Johns | St. Johns | 1867 | June 8, 1867. | ..... | ..... |
| 22 | Mosiac | Petersburg | July, 1867. | Jan. 8, 1868. | Rev. Dec. 28, 1877. | Records not Returned |
| 23 | Portland | Portland | ..... | Jan. 8, 1868. | ..... | Ch. burned Mar. 1885 |
| 24 | Adoniram | Manchester | March, 1868. | Jan. 13, 1869. | ..... | ..... |
| 25 | King Solomon | Big Rapids | June, 1868. | Jan. 13, 1869. | ..... | ..... |
| 26 | Clinton | Clinton | July 14, 1868. | Jan. 13, 1869. | ..... | ..... |
| 27 | Oceana | Pontwater | None | Jan. 13, 1869. | ..... | ..... |
| 28 | Dowagiac | Dowagiac | None | Jan. 10, 1870. | Arr. Dec. 15, 1882. | ..... |
| 29 | Lansing | Lansing | None | Jan. 10, 1870. | ..... | ..... |
| 30 | Northville | Northville | None | Jan. 10, 1870. | Rev. Feb. 17, 1901. | ..... |
| 31 | Reading | Reading | None | Jan. 10, 1870. | Arr. Dec. 15, 1882. | Records not Returned |
| 32 | Jackson | Jackson | Sept. 28, 1870. | Jan. 11, 1871. | ..... | ..... |
| 33 | Ithaca | Ithaca | Oct. 8, 1870. | Jan. 11, 1871. | ..... | Restored Jan. 20, 1893 |

| No. | Council | Location | Date of Dispensation | Date of Charter | Revoke or Surrendered | Remarks |
|-----|---------------|---------------|----------------------|-----------------|-----------------------|--------------------------|
| 32 | Blanchard | Tecumseh | None | Jan. 11, 1871 | Surrendered 1877 | Restored Jan. 20, 1903 |
| 35 | Union City | Union City | None | Jan. 11, 1871 | | Removed from Con- |
| 36 | Charlotte | Charlotte | Mar. 19, 1872 | Jan. 1, 1873 | | stantine 1889 |
| 37 | Nebusaradan | Three Rivers | May 14, 1872 | Jan. 1, 1873 | | Ch. burned Dec. 24, 1902 |
| 38 | Corunna | Corunna | Feb. 18, 1874 | Jan. 18, 1875 | | |
| 39 | Holly | Holly | None | Jan. 18, 1875 | | |
| 40 | Bronson | Bronson | Mar. 2, 1875 | Jan. 18, 1876 | Rev. Feb. 19, 1900 | |
| 41 | Centreville | Centreville | May 1, 1875 | Jan. 18, 1876 | Arr. Dec. 15, 1882 | |
| 42 | Lapeer | Lapeer | Oct. 1, 1875 | Jan. 18, 1876 | Rev. May 15, 1917 | |
| 43 | Lawrence | Lawrence | Oct. 9, 1875 | Jan. 18, 1876 | | Records returned |
| 44 | St. Joseph | St. Joseph | Nov. 28, 1875 | Jan. 18, 1876 | | |
| 45 | South Haven | South Haven | Dec. 4, 1875 | Jan. 18, 1876 | | |
| 46 | Manistee | Manistee | None | Jan. 18, 1876 | | |
| 47 | Newaygo | Newaygo | Aug. 4, 1875 | Jan. 18, 1877 | Arr. Jan. 12, 1884 | Records not Returned |
| 48 | Ludington | Ludington | Aug. 23, 1876 | Jan. 18, 1877 | | |
| 49 | Gibbun | Hastings | Aug. 17, 1876 | Jan. 18, 1877 | | |
| 50 | Leslie | Leslie | Mar. 12, 1877 | Jan. 15, 1878 | | |
| 51 | Grand Haven | Grand Haven | Mar. 18, 1881 | Jan. 17, 1882 | Rev. May 21, 1918 | Records returned |
| 52 | Petoskey | Petoskey | Sept. 12, 1881 | Jan. 17, 1882 | | |
| 53 | Bay City | Bay City | Nov. 12, 1884 | Jan. 15, 1884 | | |
| 54 | Muskegon | Muskegon | Dec. 26, 1884 | Jan. 20, 1885 | | |
| 55 | Edmore | Edmore | Feb. 6, 1888 | None | Disp. revoked | Records not Returned |
| 56 | Reed City | Reed City | Mar. 9, 1889 | Jan. 21, 1890 | | |
| 56 | Flint | Flint | None | Jan. 21, 1890 | | |
| 57 | Albion | Albion | Nov. 18, 1890 | Jan. 20, 1891 | | |
| 58 | Sagonahkato | Albena | None | Jan. 19, 1892 | | |
| 59 | Marine City | Marine City | Mar. 16, 1892 | Jan. 17, 1893 | | |
| 60 | Inverness | Cheboygan | Sept. 2, 1892 | Jan. 21, 1893 | | |
| 61 | Traverse City | Traverse City | Oct. 11, 1895 | Jan. 21, 1896 | | |
| 62 | Grand Ledge | Grand Ledge | Nov. 19, 1895 | Jan. 21, 1896 | | |
| 63 | Kalamazoo | Kalamazoo | Nov. 29, 1895 | Jan. 21, 1896 | | |
| 64 | Williamston | Williamston | Dec. 18, 1895 | Jan. 21, 1896 | | |
| 65 | Hiawatha | Manistiquette | Mar. 10, 1896 | Jan. 19, 1897 | | |
| 66 | Marquette | Marquette | May 4, 1896 | Jan. 19, 1897 | Revoked Feb. 9, 1901 | |
| 67 | King Cyrus | Crystal Falls | Oct. 22, 1896 | Jan. 19, 1897 | | |

Memorial Tablets



ALLEN McKEE

M. I. Grand Master in 1888

Born 1847

Died November 4, 1921

In Memoriam

**To the Memory of the Honored Dead of other
Grand Councils for the year ending
May 1, 1922**

**BURTON HIRAM STRICKLAND,
Past Grand Master of Connecticut.
Died February 11, 1922.**

**JAMES KING ALLEN,
Past Grand Master of Indiana.
Died August 25, 1921.**

**EDGAR H. BRISTOL,
Past Grand Master of Indiana.
Died December 7, 1921.**

**FRANK N. FOWLER,
Past Grand Master of Iowa.
Died June 4, 1921.**

**EUGENE SCHAFFTER,
Past Grand Master of Iowa.
Died October 31, 1921.**

ALBRO ELMORE CHASE.
Past Grand Master of Maine.
Died September 8, 1921.

WILLIAM FRANCIS COCHRAN,
Past Grand Master of Maryland.
Died April 27, 1921.

NORMAN B. PATTEN.
Past Grand Master of Minnesota.
Died May 17, 1921.

OLIVER LEE McKAY,
Past Grand Master of Mississippi.
Grand Recorder of Mississippi.
Died September 20, 1921.

WILLIAM H. HERRICK,
Past Grand Master of Missouri.
Died July 1921.

ROBERT LEWERS,
Past Grand Master of Nevada.
Died January 12, 1922.

FREDERICK KANTER,
Past Grand Master of New York.
Died March 19, 1921.

GEORGE SEWELL MOWER,
Past Grand Master of South Carolina
Died July 25, 1921.

YANCEY C. BLALOCK,
Past Grand Master of Washington.
Died May 12, 1921.

To the Memory of the
Two hundred Michigan Companions
who died in 1921

In Memoriam

DEATHS REPORTED TO THE GRAND COUNCIL FOR THE YEAR 1921.

MONROE COUNCIL NO. 1—29.

| | |
|-----------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Geo. Wm. Bates, Oct. 11. | William McFadden, Mar. 27. |
| Wm. R. Clark, Nov. 3. | James Patterson, Mar. 27. |
| Chas. P. Collins, May 14. | James Scott, Sept. 12. |
| George H. Caswell, Oct. 22. | John Smith, Jr., Dec. 26. |
| James D. Fraser, Dec. 16. | Thomas M. Sellards, Oct. 20. |
| Allan H. Frazer, Jan 20. | Fred A. Sollman, Oct. 30. |
| Richard Hopson, Dec. 21. | Jacob H. VanCoeverden, |
| George S. Hosmer, Mar. 2. | Sept. 13. |
| Wm. H. Jamieson, Jan. 5. | Carl S. Von Poettgen, |
| Geo. H. Larkins, Aug. 25. | Aug. 11. |
| Chas. R. Lambert, Nov. 10. | Chas. J. Wilkins, Sept. 30. |
| David T. Lorimer, Oct. 5. | J. Emerson Lynn, Feb. 5. |
| Albert C. Lipke, Nov. 1. | Bert F. Morgan, Jan. 16. |
| Edw. Carey Little, May 17. | Benjamin F. Pierson, Dec. 26. |
| John J. Lodge, May 24. | John H. Hurst, Nov. 10. |
| Geo. H. McCallum, June. | |

PONTIAC COUNCIL NO. 3—5.

| | |
|-------------------------|-----------------------------|
| James K. Burt, Apr. 14. | Chauncey G. Fleming. |
| I. N. Baker, Oct. 30. | Clarence E. Stanton, July 5 |
| Wm. B. Paul, Oct. 5. | |

RIVER RAISIN COUNCIL NO. 4—1.

Lawrence Baldwin, 1921

JONESVILLE COUNCIL NO. 5—2.

| | |
|---------------------|----------------------------|
| John Peak, Mar. 17. | George Knapp Shaw, Mar 15. |
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MOUNT CLEMENS COUNCIL NO. 8—1.

Oliver E. Bell, May 25.

ZABUD COUNCIL NO. 9—4.

| | |
|---------------------------|--------------------------|
| Asaph T. Allen, April 29. | Oct. 27. |
| Charles Austin, Dec. 3. | Frank H. Honey, Nov. 19. |
| William C. Dumphrey, Jr., | |

TYRE COUNCIL NO. 10—7.

| | |
|------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Joseph P. Brown, Oct. 6. | Lotan C. Read, June 12. |
| Asaph T. Brookings, Oct. 13. | William A. Stevens, Jan. 7. |
| Fremont S. Lyon, Nov. 18. | John Van Amberg, Oct. 28. |
| Clark S. Rogers, Apr. 2. | |

UNION COUNCIL NO. 11—7.

| | |
|------------------------------|----------------------------|
| Joseph S. Cady, Mar. 14. | Charles D. Wilcoxson, Nov. |
| Howard W. Bartlett, June 28. | 25. |
| John A. Cook, July 10. | James A. Wiles, Dec. 2. |
| Mark Vane, Oct. 15. | Samuel Post, Dec. 9. |

IONIA COUNCIL NO. 12—3.

| | |
|--------------------------|--------------------------------|
| A. J. Ashdown, Mar. 21. | Adolphus A. Ellis, June, 1921. |
| Fred Dengate, Mar. 1921. | |

STURGIS COUNCIL NO. 13—2.

| | |
|--------------------------|----------------------|
| William Johnson, July 1. | Edward Cory, Aug. 7. |
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MT. ARARAT COUNCIL NO. 15—4.

| | |
|------------------------------|---------------------------|
| Sylvester L. Bailey, Apr. 9. | Levi N. Smith, Oct. 18. |
| Wm. H. Frankhauser, May 9. | Richard H. Wagon, Apr. 8. |

PUTNAM COUNCIL NO. 16—3.

| | |
|-----------------------------|---------------------------|
| Alfred J. Berridge, Aug. 3. | George W. Rowley, Dec. 2. |
| Samuel S. Church, Aug. 15. | |

ADRIAN COUNCIL NO. 18—6.

| | |
|-------------------------------------|--|
| Charles H. Lards, Dec. 27,
1920. | William J. Luck, May 31.
O. Jay McCrellis, July 24. |
| Ernest L. German, Mar. 24. | Wm. J. Patterson, Nov. 27. |
| James H. Kelley, Dec. 29,
1920. | |

NILES COUNCIL NO. 19—2.

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| Edwin A. Blakeslee | Charles W. Stretch |
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SAGINAW COUNCIL NO. 20—5.

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| Peter N. Stoner, Aug. 12. | George H. Carter, Dec. 25. |
| Michael Mutscheller, Jan. 19. | David W. Finley. |
| Dexter Keeler, Feb. 14. | |

ST. JOHNS COUNCIL NO. 21—5.

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| George H. Sowle, Mar. 11. | Jasper F. Johnson, July 19. |
| Minard A. Hulse, Mar. 16. | George Wood, Sept. 5. |
| Jacob L. Ring, Apr. 27. | |

PORTLAND COUNCIL NO. 23—3.

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| Frank W. Pryor, July 3. | Samuel F. Davids, Feb. 22. |
| Asa Newman, Feb. 11. | |

ADONIRAM COUNCIL NO. 24—1.

Thadeus Bayley.

CLINTON COUNCIL NO. 26—3.

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| Harry Hanford, Jan. 2. | Dayid Woodward, P. M. I. |
| Henry B. Starrett, Apr. 2. | G. M., March 30. |

OCEANA COUNCIL NO. 27—2.

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| Winfield S. Hansen, Jan. | William Kuhn, Oct. 29. |
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LANSING COUNCIL NO. 29—4.

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| Arthur D. Huntington,
Feb. 7. | Charles P. Downey, Oct. 13.
Fred S. Foster, Oct. 16. |
| Mayton J. Buck, Mar. 16. | |

JACKSON COUNCIL NO. 32—7.

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| Edwin L. Allman, Aug. 31. | John M. MacDonald, Oct. 22. |
| M. W. Dwelle, 1915. | Ernest E. Pierce, June 6. |
| Arthur D. Lathrop, July 11. | Robert H. Gage, May 31. |
| Fred C. Mead, Apr. 24. | |

ITHACA COUNCIL NO. 33—2.

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| Charles A. Price, 1921. | John I. Sinclair, 1921. |
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BLANCHARD COUNCIL NO. 34—4.

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| Minor Davidson, Sept. 1. | Joseph Russell, Jan. 25. |
| William A. Frost, Dec. 15. | Charles A. Wright, June 5. |

UNION CITY COUNCIL NO. 35—1.

Charles E. Day, Aug. 15.

CHARLOTTE COUNCIL NO. 38—6.

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| David C. Hoedemaker, Mar. 9. | Vaughan G. Griffith, P. T. |
| Fred H. Loveland, P. T. I. | I. M., July 14. |
| M., April 17. | H. A. Blackmar, Dec. 14. |
| Randolph J. Garber, Apr. 24. | Albert B. Claffin, Dec. 19. |

NEBUZARADAN COUNCIL NO. 37—1.

Samuel Cross, April 7.

CORUNNA COUNCIL NO. 38—2.

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| Jefferson D. Leland. | Charles Shuttleworth. |
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HOLLY COUNCIL NO. 39—1.

Charles H. Spaulding, Jan. 31

LAWRENCE COUNCIL NO. 43—7.

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| Aunson Barnes, Jan. 7. | Oel E. Lanphear, Apr. 20. |
| William S. Charles, Jan. 29, | Jason Alden, Jan. 19. |
| 1920. | William R. Sirrine, Jan. 4, |
| William H. Chapman, Nov. 7. | 1919. |
| Mitchel Hogmire, June 29. | |

ST. JOSEPH COUNCIL NO. 44—4.

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| Carl R. Nannfeldt, P. T. | John N. Arbuckle, Oct. 11. |
| I. M., June 27. | Frederick A. Potter, P. T. |
| George A. Mills, Aug. 25. | I. M., Nov. 26. |

SOUTH HAVEN COUNCIL NO. 45—1.

Eric Erickson, June 10.

MANISTEE COUNCIL NO. 46—4.

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| Perry R. L. Carl, Sept. 4. | Emil Schlegelmilch, Nov. 30. |
| Allen McKee, P. M. I. G. M.,
Sept. 30. | Benjamin S. Vunck, Feb. 22. |

LUDINGTON COUNCIL NO. 48—3.

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| William Metzler, Sept. 29. | Lewis C. Waldo, P. T. I. M.,
May 21. |
| Engval A. Pearson, P. T.
I. M., July 13. | |

LESLIE COUNCIL NO. 50—3.

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| Francis E. Densmore, Dec. | George R. Huntington, 1920 |
| T. B. Taylor, Dec. | |

PETOSKEY COUNCIL NO. 52—5.

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| John J. Hewitt, Oct. 20. | Morris J. Stockman, Apr. 16. |
| Nathan Montgomery, Nov. 13. | Daniel R. Tripp, July 7. |
| Albert F. Ruch, Apr. 23. | |

BAY CITY COUNCIL NO. 53—3.

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| Harold Davidson, July 16. | Allen L. Stewart, Apr. 21. |
| Charles E. Marvin, July 13. | |

MUSKEGON COUNCIL NO. 54—5.

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| Colon C. Billinghamurst, July 29 | Charles McEntee, Jan. 10. |
| Isaac R. Hinds, Dec. 29, 1920. | John W. McGraw, Feb. 23. |
| William McComb, July 20. | |

REED CITY COUNCIL NO. 55—2.

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| William H. Hawkins, May 10. | Charles G. Jaehnig, Oct. 5. |
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FLINT COUNCIL NO. 56—4.

Thomas W. Gilbey, Dec. 28, Charles B. Leland, Feb. 3.
1920. Charles M. Begole, Dec. 21.
Fred G. Mathewson, Nov. 3.

ALBION COUNCIL NO. 57—2.

John A. Houch, Sept. 30. Luther J. Devring, Feb. 16.

SAHGONAHKATO COUNCIL NO. 58—2.

Thomas C. Lester, June 27. Fred A. Kimball, Nov. 23.

MARINE CITY COUNCIL NO. 59—1.

Hugo E. Ewart, Aug. 7.

INVERNESS COUNCIL NO. 60—3.

Henry A. Framback, Mar. 5. Albert W. Ramsay, Dec. 26.
William C. Martin, Oct. 13.

KALAMAZOO COUNCIL NO. 63—4.

Frank H. Milham, May 23. Carl W. Ihling, Jan. 27.
Rufus Saunders, May 19. Frank J. McEntee, Feb. 14.

WILLIAMSTON COUNCIL NO. 64—1.

Grant Putman, June 14.

HIAWATHA COUNCIL NO. 65—3.

William Elliott, Jan. John M. Valentine, Sept. 24.
John P. Symonds, Jan. 17.

KING CYRUS COUNCIL NO. 67—1.

Abner M. Darling, Feb. 18.

ST. LOUIS COUNCIL NO. 68—1.

Andrew J. Hall, April 14.

SAULT STE. MARIE COUNCIL NO. 69—5.

John C. Ferguson, Feb. 6. Lawrence G. Muehling,
Jay W. Sutton, April 12. Aug. 4.
George H. Campbell, Aug. 3. Arthur M. Sharpe, Oct. 26.

CADILLAC COUNCIL NO. 70—1.

Clement C. Bandell, April 7.

DAVID S. KENDALL COUNCIL NO. 71—3.

Josiah Collins, March

Frank H. Rogers, 1919.

Charles Kendall, Oct. 20.

LIVINGSTON COUNCIL NO. 73—1.

Eugene A. Stowe, Dec. 5.

FRED L. WELLS COUNCIL NO. 74—2.

John E. Linsley, 1921.

O. Wyman Strout, 1921.

DARIUS COUNCIL NO. 75—1.

Ernest Beckstrom, March 15.

FREMONT COUNCIL NO. 76—2.

George Bode, Aug. 28.

Joseph S. Gerber, July 4.

BESSEMER COUNCIL NO. 80—1.

Alex Strom, May 17.

EATON RAPIDS COUNCIL NO. 83—1.

Herbert H. Hamilton, May 26.

GEORGE HILL COUNCIL NO. 85—1.

Andrew J. Hall, March.

LOCATION OF COUNCILS

ALPHABETICALLY ARRANGED BY TOWNS.

| Location | County | Name and Number |
|---------------------|------------------|---------------------------|
| Adrian | Lenawee | Adrian, 19..... |
| Albion | Calhoun | Albion, 57..... |
| Alma | Gratiot | George Hill No. 85..... |
| Almont | Lapeer | Almont No. 84..... |
| Alpena | Alpena | Sah-gon-ah-ka-to, 58..... |
| Ann Arbor..... | Washtenaw..... | Ann Arbor, 86..... |
| Battle Creek | Calhoun | Zabud, 9..... |
| Bay City | Bay | Bay City, 53..... |
| Bessemer | Gogebic | Bessemer, 80..... |
| Big Rapids | Mecosta | King Solomon, 25..... |
| Bronson | Branch | Mt. Sinai, 79..... |
| Cadillac | Wexford | Cadillac, 70..... |
| Charlevoix | Charlevoix | Charlevoix, 81..... |
| Charlotte | Eaton | Charlotte, 36..... |
| Cheboygan | Cheboygan | Inverness, 60..... |
| Clinton | Lenawee | Clinton, 26..... |
| Coldwater | Branch | Mt. Moriah, 6..... |
| Colon | St. Joseph | Colon, 78..... |
| Corunna | Shiawasse..... | Corunna, 38..... |
| Crystal Falls | Iron | King Cyrus, 67..... |
| Detroit | Wayne | Monroe, 1..... |
| Eaton Rapids..... | Eaton..... | Eaton Rapids, 83..... |
| Flint | Genesee | Flint, 56..... |
| Frankfort | Benzie | Benzie, 82..... |
| Fremont | Newaygo | Fremont, 76..... |
| Grand Ledge | Eaton | Grand Ledge, 62..... |
| Grand Rapids | Kent | Tyre, 10..... |
| Hastings | Barry | Giblum, 49..... |
| Hillsdale | Hillsdale | Mt. Ararat, 15..... |
| Houghton | Houghton | David S. Kendall, 71..... |
| Holly | Oakland | Holly, 39..... |
| Howell | Livingston | Livingston, 73..... |
| Hudson | Lenawee | Putnam, 16..... |

| Location | County | Name and Number |
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| Ionia | Ionia | Ionia, 12..... |
| Iron Mountain | Dickinson | Darius, 75..... |
| Ithaca | Gratiot | Ithaca, 33..... |
| Jackson | Jackson | Jackson, 32..... |
| Jonesville | Hillsdale | Jonesville, 5..... |
| Kalamazoo | Kalamazoo | Kalamazoo, 63..... |
| Lansing | Ingham | Lansing, 29..... |
| Lawrence | Van Buren | Lawrence, 43..... |
| Leslie | Ingham | Leslie, 50..... |
| Ludington | Mason | Ludington, 48..... |
| Manchester | Washtenaw | Adoniram, 24..... |
| Manistee | Manistee | Manistee, 46..... |
| Manistique | Schoolcraft | Hiawatha, 65..... |
| Marine City | St. Clair | Marine City, 59..... |
| Marquette | Marquette | Marquette, 72..... |
| Monroe | Monroe | River Raisin, 4..... |
| Mt. Clemens | Macomb | Mt. Clemens, 8..... |
| Muskegon | Muskegon | Muskegon, 54..... |
| Niles | Berrien | Niles, 19..... |
| Pentwater | Oceana | Oceana, 27..... |
| Petoskey | Emmet | Petoskey, 52..... |
| Pontiac | Oakland | Pontiac, 3..... |
| Portland | Ionia | Portland, 23..... |
| Port Huron | St. Clair | Fred L. Wells, 74..... |
| Reed City | Osceola | Reed City, 55..... |
| Saginaw | Saginaw | Saginaw, 20..... |
| St. Johns | Clinton | St. Johns, 21..... |
| St. Joseph | Berrien | St. Joseph, 44..... |
| St. Louis | Gratiot | St. Louis, 68..... |
| Sandusky | Sanilac | Sandusky, 77..... |
| Sault Ste. Marie | Chippewa | Sault Ste. Marie, 69..... |
| South Haven | Van Buren | South Haven, 45..... |
| Sturgis | St. Joseph | Sturgis, 13..... |
| Tecumseh | Lenawee | Blanchard, 34..... |
| Three Rivers | St. Joseph | Nebuzaradan, 37..... |
| Traverse City | Grand Traverse | Traverse City, 61..... |
| Union City | Branch | Union City, 35..... |
| Vicksburg | Kalamazoo | Vicksburg, 87..... |
| Williamston | Ingham | Williamston, 64..... |
| Ypsilanti | Washtenaw | Union, 11..... |

COUNCILS BY COUNTIES

| No. | Name | Location | No. | Name | Location |
|--------------------|-------------------------|---------------|------------------------|-------------------------|---------------|
| ALPENA. | | | EMMET. | | |
| 58— | Sa-gon-ah-ka-to | Alpena | 52— | Petoskey | Petoskey |
| BARRY. | | | GENESEE. | | |
| 49— | Giblum | Hastings | 26— | Flint | Flint |
| BAY. | | | GOGEBIC. | | |
| 53— | Bay City | Bay City | 80— | Bessemer | Bessemer |
| BENZIE. | | | GRAND TRAVERSE. | | |
| 82— | Benzie | Frankfort | 61— | Traverse City | Trav. City |
| BERRIEN. | | | GRATIOT. | | |
| 19— | Niles | Niles | 33— | Ithaca | Ithaca |
| 44— | St. Joseph | St. Joseph | 68— | St. Louis | St. Louis |
| BRANCH. | | | 85— | George Hill | Alma |
| 6— | Mt. Moriah | Coldwater | HILLSDALE. | | |
| 35— | Union City | Union City | 5— | Jonesville | Jonesville |
| 79— | Mt. Sinai | Bronson | 15— | Mt. Ararat | Hillsdale |
| CALHOUN. | | | HOUGHTON. | | |
| 9— | Zabud | Battle Creek | 71— | D. S. Kendall | Houghton |
| 57— | Albion | Albion | INGHAM. | | |
| CHARLEVOIX. | | | 29— | Lansing | Lansing |
| 81— | Charlevoix | Charlevoix | 50— | Leslie | Leslie |
| CHEBOYGAN. | | | 64— | Williamston | Williamston |
| 60— | Inverness | Chebogan | IONIA. | | |
| CHIPPEWA. | | | 12— | Ionia | Ionia |
| 69— | S. Ste. Marie | S. Ste. Marie | 23— | Portland | Portland |
| CLINTON. | | | IRON. | | |
| 21— | St. Johns | St. Johns | 67— | King Cyrus | Crystal Falls |
| DICKINSON. | | | JACKSON. | | |
| 75— | Darius | Iron Mountain | 32— | Jackson | Jackson |
| EATON. | | | KALAMAZOO. | | |
| 36— | Charlotte | Charlotte | 63— | Kalamazoo | Kalamazoo |
| 62— | Grand Ledge | Grand Ledge | 87— | Vicksburg | Vicksburg |
| 83— | Eaton Rapids | Eaton Rapids | KENT. | | |
| | | | 10— | Tyre | Grand Rapids |

| No. | Name | Location | No. | Name | Location |
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| LAPEER. | | | OCEANA. | | |
| 84— | Almont | Almont | 27— | Oceana | Pentwater |
| LENAWEE. | | | SAGINAW. | | |
| 16— | Putnam | Hudson | 20— | Saginaw | Saginaw |
| 18— | Adrian | Adrian | ST. CLAIR. | | |
| 26— | Clinton | Clinton | 59— | Marine City | Marine City |
| 34— | Blanchard | Tecumseh | 74— | Fred L. Wells | Port Huron |
| LIVINGSTON. | | | ST. JOSEPH. | | |
| 73— | Livingston | Howell | 13— | Sturgis | Sturgis |
| MACOMB. | | | 37— | Nebuzaradan | Three Rivers |
| 8— | Mt. Clemens | Mt. Clemens | 78— | Colon | Colon |
| MANISTEE. | | | SANILAC | | |
| 46— | Manistee | Manistee | 77— | Sandusky | Sandusky |
| MARQUETTE. | | | SCHOOLCRAFT. | | |
| 72— | Marquette | Marquette | 65— | Hiawatha | Manistique |
| MASON. | | | SHIAWASSEE. | | |
| 48— | Ludington | Ludington | 38— | Corunna | Corunna |
| MECOSTA. | | | VAN BUREN. | | |
| 25— | King Solomon | Big Rapids | 43— | Lawrence | Lawrence |
| MONROE. | | | 45— | South Haven | South Haven |
| 4— | River Raisin | Monroe | WASHTENAW. | | |
| MUSKEGON. | | | 11— | Union | Ypsilanti |
| 64— | Muskegon | Muskegon | 24— | Adoniram | Manchester |
| NEWAYGO. | | | WAYNE. | | |
| 76— | Fremont | Fremont | 1— | Monroe | Detroit |
| OAKLAND. | | | WEXFORD. | | |
| 3— | Pontiac | Pontiac | 70— | Cadillac | Cadillac |
| 39— | Holly | Holly | | | |
| OSCEOLA. | | | | | |
| 55— | Reed City | Reed City | | | |

MOST ILLUSTRIOUS GRAND MASTERS

Year, Name, Residence When Elected and Remarks.

- 1858 NATHAN B. CARPENTER, Detroit. Died 1867.
- 1859 NATHAN B. CARPENTER, Detroit. Died 1867.
- 33 1860 FRANCIS DARROW, Pontiac. Died April 11, 1873.
- 1861 FRANCIS DARROW, Pontiac. Died April 11, 1873.
- 1861 JOHN CLARK, St. Clair. Died February 19, 1876.
- 33 1862 DAVID BURNHAM TRACY, Detroit. Died February 19, 1906.
- 1863 EDWARD A. ELLIOTT, Detroit. Died November 15, 1880.
- 1864 GARRA BENJAMIN NOBLE, Detroit. Died February 9, 1897.
- 1865 DAVID BOVEE, Coldwater. Died July 19, 1900.
- 1866 SEAMAN L. DART, Coldwater. Died February 8, 1883.
- 1867 WILLIAM SHERMAN EDWARDS, Hillsdale. Died May 19, 1913.
- 1868 JOSEPH THAYER HAYDEN, Hillsdale. Died April 24, 1898.
- 1869 CHARLES HIRAM PUTNAM, Hudson. Died May 15, 1895.
- 33 1870 OLIVER LYMAN SPAULDING, St. Johns.
- 1871 EBENEZER SPRAGUE, Lyons. Died January 2, 1892.
- 1872 HENRY SHAW NOBLE, Monroe. Died October 23, 1908.
- 1873 WILLIAM BROWN, Battle Creek. Died September 23, 1880.
- 1874 WILLIAM BROWN, Battle Creek. Died September 23, 1880.
- 1875 MORTIMER MANSFIELD, Coldwater. Died December 20, 1883.
- 1876 GEORGE HILL, Jr., Porland. Died October 3, 1920.
- 1877 JOHN R. EVERARD, Jackson. Died November 22, 1891.
- 1878 ANDREW JACKSON UTLEY, St. Louis. Died November 10, 1905.
- 33 1879 HUGH McCURDY, Corunna. Died July 16, 1908.
- 1880 DAVID WOODWARD, Clinton. Died March 30, 1921.
- 1881 RUFUS CLAGHORN HATHEWAY, Ionia. Died December 9, 1896.
- 33 1882 WILLIAM GILSON HUDSON, Ludington.
- 1883 GEORGE HENRY GREENE, Lansing. Died June 24, 1899.
- 1884 JAMES HOUGLAND CUMMINS, Holly. Died October 29, 1908.
- 1885 GEORGE HAMILTON STEPHENSON, St. Johns. Died October 27, 1901.
- 1886 ALFRED BALDREY, St. Joseph.
- 1887 ALFRED GORDON GULLEY, South Haven. Died August 15, 1917.
- 1888 ALLEN McKEE, Manistee. Died November 4, 1921.
- 1889 THOMAS GREY GREENE, Centerville. Died December 18, 1911.
- 1890 TRAVERS PHILLIPS, Hastings. Died January 5, 1920.
- 33 1891 CHARLES RUSH BAGG, Detroit. Died August 17, 1899.
- 1892 HORACE EDGAR HATCH, Detroit. (Suspended.)
- 1893 FRANK NORMAN CLARK, Northville. Died December 19, 1910.
- 1894 EMERSON MERRIMAN NEWELL, Holly.
- 1895 GEORGE ALBERT CROSS, Lawrence.
- 1896 GEORGE PORTER McMAHON, Grand Rapids. Died June 11, 1914.

- 1897 LOYD B. HESS, Grand Rapids. Died June 10, 1901.
 1898 CHARLES MILAN NORTON, Lansing. Died September 3, 1919.
 1899 GEORGE DUDLEY SMITH, Muskegon. Died September 21, 1916.
 1900 RICHARD ALDEN CATTON, Detroit. Died January 9, 1903.
 1901 ITHAMAR TITUS SMITH, Hudson.
 1902 BYRON CULVER HILL, Jackson. Died April 15, 1905.
 1903 JOHN HAMPDEN KINGSLEY, Manchester.
 1904 DALLAS DOW ALTON, Fremont.
 1905 BAYARD ALFRED CHURCH, St. Louis.
 1906 ARTHUR HAMILTON McCLOUD, Detroit. Died October 10, 1917.
 1907 FRANK OSCAR GILBERT, Bay City.
 1908 CHARLES HENRY PATTERSON, Jackson.
 HON. WILLIAM WENTE, Manistee. Died February 25, 1915.
 1909 EMORY TOWNSEND, Saginaw.
 1910 WILLIAM PRICE PERRY, Hillsdale.
 1911 JOHN NICHOL, Ionia.
 1912 FRANK POMEROY WILCOX, Detroit.
 1913 LOU BARNEY WINSOR, Reed City.
 1914 JOHN HOMER McCALLUM, Sault Ste. Marie. Died October 25, 1918.
 1915 HORACE SHELDON MAYNARD, Charlotte. Died September 22, 1917.
 1916 CLARENCE ALBERT HOWARD, Three Rivers.
 1917 FRANK VINTON HALE, Pontiac.
 1918 CHARLES EDGAR CONVERSE, Grand Rapids.
 1919 FRANK SCADDEN, Crystal Falls.
 1920 H. BURR LEE, Petoskey.
 1921 ANDREW LINCOLN ARTHUR, Pontiac.
 1922 HOWARD EDWARD SLOCUM, Corunna.

GRAND OFFICERS OF THE GRAND COUNCIL OF MICHIGAN
 (Under Old Constitution.)

| Year | D. I. G. P. | G. T. I. | G. P. C. of W. |
|------|----------------------|-------------------------|-------------------|
| 1858 | *Simeon B. Brown.. | *Frank Darrow..... | *R. W. Davis |
| 1859 | *Simeon B. Brown.. | *Frank Darrow..... | *John Clark |
| 1860 | *John Clark..... | *D. Burnham Tracy.... | *Benj. F. Doughty |
| 1861 | *D. Burnham Tracy | *Benj. F. Doughty..... | *Ebenezer Sprague |
| 1862 | *Edward A. Elliott. | *Garra B. Noble..... | *David Bovee |
| 1863 | *Garra B. Noble.... | *David Bovee..... | *Seaman L. Dart |
| 1864 | *David Bovee..... | *Seaman L. Dart..... | *Edw. D. Benedict |
| 1865 | *Seaman L. Dart.. | *Edw. D. Benedict..... | *Wm. S. Edwards |
| 1866 | *Edw. D. Benedict.. | *William S. Edwards.... | *Wm. Walker |
| 1867 | *William Walker... | *Joseph T. Hayden..... | *William F. King |
| 1868 | *Oliver L. Spaulding | *J. W. Champlin..... | *Mark Walter |
| 1869 | *Oliver L. Spaulding | *Ebenezer Sprague..... | *H. Shaw Noble |
| 1870 | *Ebenezer Sprague. | *H. Shaw Noble..... | *William Brown |
| 1871 | *H. Shaw Noble.... | *William Brown..... | *Alfred I. Sawyer |
| 1872 | *William Brown.... | *Mort Mansfield..... | *Edward M. Doan |
| 1873 | *Mort Mansfield.... | *Edward M. Doan..... | *George Hill, Jr |

*Deceased.

LIST OF GRAND OFFICERS.

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(Under New Constitution.)

| Year | Deputy G. Master | G. P. C. of Work | Grand Treasurer |
|------|----------------------|-------------------------|--------------------|
| 1874 | *Mort. Mansfield.... | *George Hill, Jr..... | *Edward A. Elliott |
| 1875 | *George Hill, Jr.... | *J. R. Everard..... | " " |
| 1876 | *John R. Everard.. | *Andrew J. Utley..... | " " |
| 1877 | *Andrew J. Utley... | *C. B. Reynolds..... | " " |
| 1878 | *Chas. W. Strait.... | *David Woodward..... | " " |
| 1879 | *David Woodward.. | *R. C. Hatheway..... | " " |
| 1880 | *Rufus C. Hatheway | William G. Hudson.... | " " |
| 1881 | William G. Hudson.. | *George H. Greene..... | *H. Shaw Noble |
| 1882 | *George H. Greene.. | *James H. Cummins.... | " " |
| 1883 | *James H. Cummins.. | *G. H. Stephenson..... | " " |
| 1884 | *G. H. Stephenson.. | Alfred Baldrey..... | " " |
| 1885 | Alfred Baldrey... | *Alfred G. Gulley..... | " " |
| 1886 | *Alfred G. Gulley... | Allen McKee..... | " " |
| 1887 | Allen McKee..... | *Thomas G. Greene..... | " " |
| 1888 | *Thomas G. Greene.. | *Sanford Hunt..... | " " |
| 1889 | *Sanford Hunt..... | Travers Phillips..... | " " |
| 1890 | *Marcus D. Elliott.. | *Chas. R. Bagg..... | " " |
| 1891 | †Horace E. Hatch... | *Frank N. Clark..... | " " |
| 1892 | *Frank N. Clark.... | Emerson M. Newell.... | " " |
| 1893 | E. M. Newell..... | George A. Cross..... | " " |
| 1894 | George A. Cross.... | *George P. McMahon.... | " " |
| 1895 | *George P. McMahon | *Loyd B. Hess..... | " " |
| 1896 | *Lloyd B. Hess..... | *Charles M. Norton..... | *Geo. H. Greene |
| 1897 | *Charles M. Norton.. | *Geo. D. Smith..... | " " |
| 1898 | *Geo. D. Smith..... | *Richard A. Catton.... | " " |
| 1899 | *Richard A. Catton.. | †Ithamar T. Smith.... | " " |
| 1900 | †Ithamar T. Smith.. | *Byron C. Hill..... | " " |
| 1901 | *Byron C. Hill..... | John H. Kingsley..... | *Chas. M. Norton |
| 1902 | John H. Kingsley.. | Dallas D. Alton..... | " " |
| 1903 | Dallas D. Alton... | Bayard A. Church..... | " " |
| 1904 | Bayard A. Church.. | *Arthur H. McCloud.... | " " |
| 1905 | *Arthur H. McCloud. | Frank O. Gilbert..... | " " |
| 1906 | Frank O. Gilbert.. | Charles H. Patterson... | " " |
| 1907 | Chas. H. Patterson | Emory Townsend..... | " " |
| 1908 | Emory Townsend.. | William P. Perry..... | " " |
| 1909 | Wm. P. Perry..... | John Nichol..... | " " |
| 1910 | John Nichol..... | Frank P. Wilcox..... | " " |
| 1911 | Frank P. Wilcox... | *Geo. C. Monroe..... | " " |
| 1912 | Lou B. Winsor.... | *John H. McCallum.... | " " |
| 1913 | *John H. McCallum | *Horace S. Maynard.... | " " |
| 1914 | *Horace S. Maynard. | Clarence A. Howard... | " " |
| 1915 | Clarence A. Howard | Frank V. Hale..... | " " |
| 1916 | Frank V. Hale.... | Charles E. Converse.... | " " |
| 1917 | Charles E. Converse | Frank Scadden..... | " " |
| 1918 | Frank Scadden.... | H. Burr Lee..... | " " |
| 1919 | H. Burr Lee..... | Andrew L. Arthur..... | Dallas D. Alton |
| 1920 | Andrew L. Arthur | Howard E. Slocum..... | " " |
| 1921 | Howard E. Slocum | Willis V. Capron..... | " " |
| 1922 | Willis V. Capron.. | Chas. W. Mixer..... | " " |

*Deceased.

‡Removed from Jurisdiction

†Suspended.

LIST OF GRAND OFFICERS.
(Under Old Constitution.)

| Year | Grand Treasurer. | Grand Recorder | Grand Chaplain |
|------|---------------------|------------------------|---------------------|
| 1858 | *Ezra Rood..... | *Nath'l P. Jacobs..... | *George B. Engle |
| 1859 | " " | " " | " " |
| 1860 | " " | " " | *Levi H. Corson |
| 1861 | " " | " " | *Francis A. Blades |
| 1862 | " " | *Oliver Bourke..... | *Sylvester Caulkins |
| 1863 | " " | " " | *D. B. Lyons |
| 1864 | " " | " " | *Sylvester Caulkins |
| 1865 | " " | " " | *Levi H. Corson |
| 1866 | *Joseph T. Hayden.. | " " | *Benj. F. Doughty |
| 1867 | *William Barclay.. | " " | *Garret E. Peters |
| 1868 | " " | " " | " " |
| 1869 | " " | " " | " " |
| 1870 | " " | " " | *Jermy Boynton |
| 1871 | " " | *Garra B. Noble..... | §Andrew J. Davis |
| 1872 | *Edward A. Elliott | " " | " " |
| 1873 | " " | " " | " " |

(Under New Constitution.)

| Year | Grand Recorder. | Grand Chaplain | G. Capt. of Guard. |
|------|---------------------|-------------------------|---------------------|
| 1874 | *Garra B. Noble.... | §Andrew J. Davis..... | *Andrew J. Utley |
| 1875 | " " | *Benj. F. Doughty..... | " " |
| 1876 | " " | " " | *C. B. Reynolds |
| 1877 | " " | " " | *C. W. Strait |
| 1878 | " " | " " | *Wm. S. Turck |
| 1879 | " " | " " | Wm. G. Hudson |
| 1880 | " " | *Francis A. Blades..... | *Geo. H. Greene |
| 1881 | " " | " " | *Jas. H. Cummins |
| 1882 | " " | " " | *Geo. H. Stephenson |
| 1883 | " " | " " | Alfred Baldrey |
| 1884 | " " | " " | *Alfred G. Gullely |
| 1885 | " " | " " | Allen McKee |
| 1886 | " " | " " | *Thomas G. Greene |
| 1887 | " " | " " | *Sanford Hunt |
| 1888 | " " | " " | *Travers Phillips |
| 1889 | " " | " " | *Marcus D. Elliott |
| 1890 | " " | " " | †Horace E. Hatch |
| 1891 | " " | " " | Emerson M. Newell |
| 1892 | " " | " " | George A. Cross |
| 1893 | " " | " " | *Geo. P. McMahon |
| 1894 | " " | " " | *Loyd B. Hess |
| 1895 | " " | " " | *Chas. M. Norton |
| 1896 | " " | " " | *Geo. D. Smith |

*Deceased. § Removed from Jurisdiction. †Suspended.

| Year | Grand Recorder | Grand Chaplain | G. Capt. of Guard |
|------|---------------------|-------------------------|--------------------|
| 1897 | *Jeff'n S. Conover. | " " | *Richard A. Catton |
| 1898 | " " .. | " " | §ithamar T. Smith |
| 1899 | " " .. | " " | *Byron C. Hill |
| 1900 | " " .. | " " | John H. Kingsley |
| 1901 | " " .. | " " | Dallas D. Alton |
| 1902 | " " .. | " " | §Paul A. Cowgill |
| 1903 | " " .. | " " | Lou B. Winsor |
| 1904 | Chas. A. Conover.. | *Francis A. Blades..... | Frank O. Gilbert |
| 1905 | " " | " " | Chas. H. Patterson |
| 1906 | " " | J. Ambrose Dunkel..... | Emory Townsend |
| 1907 | " " | " " | William P. Perry |
| 1908 | " " | William H. Thomas.... | John Nichol |
| 1909 | " " | " " | Frank P. Wilcox |
| 1910 | " " | " " | George C. Monroe |
| 1911 | " " | " " | *John H. McCallum |
| 1913 | " " | John Claffin..... | *Horace S. Maynard |
| 1912 | " " | " " | Clar. A. Howard |
| 1914 | " " | " " | Frank V. Hale |
| 1915 | " " | " " | Chas. E. Converse |
| 1916 | " " | " " | H. Burr Lee |
| 1917 | " " | " " | Frank Scadden |
| 1918 | " " | " " | Andrew L. Arthur |
| 1919 | " " | " " | Howard E. Slocum |
| 1920 | " " | " " | Willis V. Capron |
| 1921 | " " | " " | Charles W. Mixer |
| 1922 | " " | " " | Willard B. Oakes |

(Under Old Constitution.)

| Year | G. Cap. of Guard | Grand Steward | Grand Sentinel |
|------|----------------------|------------------------|------------------|
| 1858 | *Theron A. Flower.. | *A. Bernard Cudworth.. | *Chas. D. Howard |
| 1859 | A. J. Cummings... | " " | " " |
| 1860 | *Stephen B. Morse.. | *William F. Innes..... | " " |
| 1861 | *Seaman L. Dart... | *A. B. Ayers..... | " " |
| 1862 | *Chas. H. Putnam... | *A. M. McCrea..... | " " |
| 1863 | *J. P. Whiting..... | H. A. Tillotson..... | " " |
| 1864 | " " | *A. E. Palmer..... | " " |
| 1865 | " " | D. H. Baker..... | *Wm. V. Griffith |
| 1866 | *William F. King... | M. Ayers..... | " " |
| 1867 | *Jno. W. Champlin.. | *S. C. Munson..... | " " |
| 1868 | *H. Shaw Noble.... | Theo. Beaver..... | " " |
| 1869 | *J. E. Marvin..... | Charles Low..... | " " |
| 1870 | J. B. Nixon..... | *Alfred L. Sawyer..... | " " |
| 1871 | *Edward M. Doan... | *C. B. Reynolds..... | " " |
| 1872 | *George Hill, Jr.... | *Andrew J. Utley..... | " " |
| 1873 | *Andrew J. Utley... | *C. B. Reynolds..... | " " |

*Deceased. §Removed from Jurisdiction. †Suspended.

LIST OF GRAND OFFICERS.

(Under New Constitution.)

| Year | Gd. Con. of Council | Grand Steward | Grand Sentinel |
|------|----------------------|-------------------------|-------------------|
| 1874 | *John R. Everard.. | *C. B. Reynolds..... | *Wm. V. Griffith |
| 1875 | *C. B. Reynolds.... | J. M. Rice..... | " " |
| 1876 | J. M. Rice..... | *William S. Turck..... | " " |
| 1877 | *William S. Turck.. | *R. C. Hatheway..... | " " |
| 1878 | *Rufus C. Hatheway | *George H. Greene..... | " " |
| 1879 | *George H. Greene.. | *Henry L. Anthony..... | " " |
| 1880 | *James. H. Cummins | *Geo. H. Stephenson.... | " " |
| 1881 | *Geo. H. Stephenson | Alfred Baldrey..... | " " |
| 1882 | Alfred Baldrey.... | *Alfred G. Gulley..... | " " |
| 1883 | *Alfred G. Gulley.. | Edwin M. Adams..... | *Alex. McGregor |
| 1884 | Allen McKee..... | *Thomas G. Greene | " " |
| 1885 | *Thos. G. Greene.... | *Sanford Hunt..... | " " |
| 1886 | *Sanford Hunt..... | *Travers Phillips..... | " " |
| 1887 | *Travers Phillips... | *Marcus D. Elliott..... | " " |
| 1888 | *Marcus D. Elliott.. | *Charles R. Bagg..... | " " |
| 1889 | *Chas. R. Bagg..... | †Horace E. Hatch..... | " " |
| 1890 | *Frank N. Clark.... | *Parm. S. DeGraft..... | " " |
| 1891 | George A. Cross... | *George P. McMahon.... | " " |
| 1893 | *Loyd B. Hess..... | *Loyd B. Hess..... | " " |
| 1892 | *Geo. P. McMahon... | *Almon G. Bruce..... | " " |
| 1894 | *Chas. M. Norton... | *George D. Smith..... | " " |
| 1895 | *George D. Smith... | *Richard A. Catton..... | " " |
| 1896 | *Richard A. Catton.. | §Ithamar T. Smith..... | " " |
| 1897 | §Ithamar T. Smith... | *Byron C. Hill..... | James F. McGregor |
| 1898 | *Byron C. Hill..... | John H. Kingsley..... | " " |
| 1899 | John H. Kingsley... | Dallas D. Alton..... | " " |
| 1900 | Dallas D. Alton... | §Paul A. Cowgill..... | " " |
| 1901 | §Paul A. Cowgill... | Bayard A. Church..... | " " |
| 1902 | Bayard A. Church... | Lou B. Winsor..... | " " |
| 1903 | *Arthur H. McCloud. | Frank O. Gilbert..... | " " |
| 1904 | Chas. H. Patterson | Emory Townsend..... | " " |
| 1905 | Emory Townsend... | *Horace S. Maynard... | " " |
| 1906 | William P. Perry... | John Nichol..... | " " |
| 1907 | John Nichol..... | Frank P. Wilcox..... | " " |
| 1908 | Frank P. Wilcox... | George C. Monroe..... | " " |
| 1909 | George C. Monroe... | *John H. McCallum.... | " " |
| 1910 | *John H. McCallum | *Horace S. Maynard.... | " " |
| 1911 | *Horace S. Maynard. | Clarence A. Howard.... | " " |
| 1912 | Clarence A. Howard | Frank V. Hale..... | " " |
| 1913 | Frank V. Hale.... | Chas. E. Converse..... | " " |
| 1914 | Chas. E. Converse.. | Frank Scadden..... | " " |
| 1915 | Frank Scadden..... | H. Burr Lee..... | " " |
| 1916 | H. Burr Lee..... | Andrew L. Arthur..... | " " |
| 1917 | Andrew L. Arthur... | Howard E. Slocum..... | " " |
| 1918 | Howard E. Slocum | Willis V. Capron..... | " " |
| 1919 | Willis V. Capron... | Charles W. Mixer..... | " " |
| 1920 | Charles W. Mixer... | Willard B. Oakes..... | " " |
| 1921 | Willard B. Oakes.. | Neil E. Reid..... | " " |
| 1922 | Neil E. Reid..... | | " " |

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GRAND LECTURER.

AUGUSTUS B. BISBEE, 1895-1898. HORACE S. MAYNARD, 1906.
 LEWIS C. GOODRICH, 1899-1905. ARTHUR H. MCLOUD, 1907-1917
 FRANK V. HALE, 1918-1920. FRANK SCADDEN, 1921

PAST GRAND MASTERS

Present Mail Address and Year Elected.

| | |
|---|----------------------|
| OLIVER LYMAN SPAULDING (1870) | Washington, D. C. |
| 3021 Q. St. | |
| WILLIAM GILSON HUDSON (1882) | Ludington, Mich. |
| ALFRED BALDREY (1886) | Detroit, Mich. |
| Care Chicago Pneumatic Tool Co., Second and Amsterdam Aves. | |
| EMERSON MERRIMAN NEWELL (1894) | Fenton, Mich. |
| GEORGE ADELBERT CROSS (1895) | Lawrence, Mich. |
| ITHAMAR TITUS SMITH (1901) | Toledo, Ohio |
| 1421 W. Woodruff St. | |
| JOHN HAMPDEN KINGSLEY (1903) | Manchester, Mich. |
| DALLAS DOW ALTON (1904) | Fremont, Mich. |
| BAYARD ALFRED CHURCH (1905) | Detroit, Mich. |
| 4341 Lincoln Ave. | |
| FRANK OSCAR GILBERT (1907) | Bay City, Mich. |
| 2126 Sixth St. | |
| CHARLES HENRY PATTERSON (1908) | Jackson, Mich. |
| 428 E. Main St. | |
| EMORY TOWNSEND (1909) | Saginaw, Mich. |
| Heavenrich Bldg. | |
| WILLIAM PRICE PERRY (1910) | Hillsdale, Mich. |
| JOHN NICHOL (1911) | Ionla, Mich. |
| FRANK POMEROY WILCOX (1912) | Detroit, Mich. |
| 107 Pingree Ave. | |
| LOU BARNEY WINSOR (1913) | Grand Rapids, Mich. |
| Masonic Temple | |
| CLARENCE ADELBERT HOWARD (1916) | Three Rivers, Mich. |
| FRANK VINTON HALE (1917) | Pontiac, Mich. |
| Burlingham Building. | |
| CHARLES EDGAR CONVERSE (1918) | Grand Rapids, Mich. |
| 1029 Jefferson Ave., S. E. | |
| FRANK SCADDEN (1919) | Crystal Falls, Mich. |
| H. BURR LEE (1920) | Petoskey, Mich. |
| ANDREW LINCOLN ARTHUR (1921) | Pontiac, Mich. |
| 360 N. Saginaw, Sa. | |

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES

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ROYAL AND SELECT MASTERS OF MICHIGAN.

| Grand Council. | Representatives | Address. |
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| Alabama | EDWARD W. PRESHO | Houghton |
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| Georgia | GUY JOHNSTON | Grand Rapids |
| Illinois | FRANK V. HALE | Pontiac |
| Indiana | CHARLES A. CONOVER | Coldwater |
| Iowa | JOHN H. KINGSLEY | Manchester |
| Kansas | WALTER H. FRENCH | Lansing |
| Kentucky | CLARENCE A. HOWARD | Three Rivers |
| Louisiana | CHAS. E. CONVERSE | Grand Rapids |
| Maine | FRANK P. WILCOX | Detroit |
| Maritime Provinces | H. BURR LEE | Petoskey |
| Maryland | NEIL E. REID | Mount Clemens |
| Massachusetts | LOU B. WINSOR | Grand Rapids |
| Minnesota | ELIAS C. PHILLIPS | St. Louis |
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| Oklahoma | WILLIAM P. PERRY | Hillsdale |
| Oregon | MICHAEL B. MCGEE | Crystal Falls |
| Pennsylvania | DALLAS D. ALTON | Fremont |
| Rhode Island | CHARLES J. GRAY | Petoskey |
| South Carolina | DORR DARLING | Jonesville |
| South Dakota | ALFRED BALDREY | Detroit |
| Tennessee | FRANK O. GILBERT | Bay City |
| Texas | ANDREW L. ARTHUR | Pontiac |
| Vermont | FRANK SCADDEN | Crystal Falls |
| Washington | CLARE E. WISE | Coldwater |
| Wisconsin | CHAS. G. GRAHAM | Ithaca |

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES

OF THE GRAND COUNCIL OF ROYAL AND SELECT MASTERS OF
MICHIGAN NEAR SISTER GRAND COUNCILS.

| Grand Council. | Representatives. | Address. |
|-------------------------|-----------------------------|------------------|
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| Louisiana | W. H. WAMSLEY..... | Coushatta |
| Maine | CHAS. R. GETCHELL..... | Hallowell |
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| North Dakota | ALEXANDER H. BURR..... | Rugby |
| Ohio | OTTO B. CORNELL..... | Westerville |
| Oklahoma | CHRISTOPHER SPRINGER..... | McAlester |
| Oregon | MILTON L. MYERS..... | Salem |
| Pennsylvania | JOHN S. SELL..... | Greensburg |
| Rhode Island | WENDELL R. DAVIS..... | Bristol |
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| South Dakota | WM. B. CANNON..... | Watertown |
| Tennessee | JAKE W. BRANTLEY..... | Troy |
| Texas | JOSEPH J. MANSFIELD..... | Columbus |
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| Washington | SAMUEL S. ENDSLOW..... | Spokane |
| Wisconsin | ALDRO JENKS..... | Dodgeville |

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*Independent Grand Councils.

ANNUAL REVIEW

ANNUAL REVIEW
OF
CRYPTIC MASONRY
AS IT APPEARS IN THE PRINTED PROCEEDINGS

Prepared by CHARLES A. CONOVER, Grand Recorder

To My Council Readers:

Here beginneth my 19th Annual Review of the printed proceedings of our Sister Grand Councils which have arrived at this desk since the last Annual Review. From a hasty glance of the proceedings as received one gathers that the Cryptic Rite is continuing right along on its high road to prosperity, although an occasional Grand Council shows a slight dip in the gains which they enjoyed immediately following the war and due probably to the slump in business and financial conditions during the past year.

More and more the feeling is gaining ground that we do not require the pre-requisition idea, as a number of the Grand Councils have already exceeded in membership that of the Grand Commanderies in their respective states. Pre-requisition would add little, if anything in the way of numbers, and to many numbers "are the index of prosperity" although it is not always a true sign.

One new Grand Council has been organized and added to the list, that of Arizona, which comes into the National

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Family with four councils and 400 members. As they are vouched for as being regular by General Grand Master Hempstead, we welcome the infant to the family table, hope it will tuck its bib under its chin and not monopolize all the conversation.

ALABAMA, 1921

Eighty-fourth Annual MONTGOMERY December 6
JOHN HENRY McCORMICK, Grand Master.

Opposite the portrait of the Grand Master we find the following:

He was educated in the public and high schools of Washington, District of Columbia, and graduated from the Medical Department National University in 1891.

He served as Assistant Surgeon at Johns Hopkins Hospital from 1891 to 1892. Was Professor of National Science at the Mt. Vernon and Washington Seminaries 1892 and 1893. Practiced medicine from 1891 to 1904. Was Professor in Medical Department National University 1893-1894. Secretary of the Anthropological Society 1894-1900. Associate Editor American Antiquarian 1896-1900. Assistant Secretary American Folk Lore Society 1896-1900. Co-laborator, Bureau of Ethnology, Smithsonian Institute 1900 and 1901. Secretary of the Eighth International Geographic Congress 1903-1904. Member of a number of Scientific Geographic Societies of Europe. Author of several Medical and Scientific works. Medical adviser of the legal department of the B. & O. Railroad from 1896 to 1900. Professor of Materia Medica and Therapeutics, Medical Department of the University of Alabama, 1914 to the present time.

Outside of the routine of office he reports nothing of moment has transpired. He hopes the Grand Council will follow the other bodies and "stand squarely behind this legislation which has for its object the advancement of the public school system of the nation, that illiteracy may be banished from our midst."

He reports a net gain of 660 giving a total membership of 4,096. Twenty years ago it was 150. He recommends a donation to the Washington Memorial.

The following is interesting history:

Old documents pertaining to the history of Freemasonry are always of interest to the Craft because they frequently clear up points of dispute and settle controversies.

In the proceedings of this Grand Council for 1917, appears a facsimile of an old commission dated in 1829, from John Barker as Inspector General in Alabama, of the Supreme Council of the Southern Jurisdiction of the Scottish Rite to Perez Snell, authorizing the latter as the agent of the said Supreme Council to confer the degrees of Royal and Select Master.

In looking over some old documents in the Archives of the Supreme Council, I found the old commission and our Grand Recorder had a photograph of it made for reproduction in our proceedings as showing the relationship then existing between these two Masonic bodies.

I wish to exhibit another old document along similar lines dated March 26, 1851, showing the authority of the Supreme Council over the Cryptic Degrees at even that late date:

TO ALL ROYAL AND SELECT MASTERS: GREETINGS

Know Ye that our Worthy Companion, THADDEUS H. SHACKLEFORD, who has subscribed his name in the margin, is a Royal Arch Mason in regular standing; and that in the exercise of the authority granted to me by a Patent, emanating from the Supreme Council of the Thirty-third Degree for the Southern Jurisdiction of the United States of America, bearing date the 4th of March A. L. 5851, I have conferred upon him the Degrees of Royal and Select Master; and he is hereby recommended to the care and protection of all Royal and Select Masters throughout the Globe.

In testimony whereof I have hereto set my hand at Okalona, in the county of Chickasaw, and State of Mississippi, the 26th day of March Anno Lucis 5851, Anno Depositionis 2851.

REUBEN NASON,

Rose K: H: S: P: R: S:

Deputy Inspector General for the States of Louisiana and Mississippi.

T. H. SHACKLEFORD
Ne Varietur.

M. E. Companion William F. Kuhn, General Grand High Priest, was present and gave an interesting and instructive address. M. I. Companion George Fleming Moore, P. G. M. and Past Grand Commander of Supreme Council 33° also addressed his companions.

Appropriations were made for the Masonic Home, \$500; representatives to General Grand Council, \$300; Grand Recorder's salary, \$300; help, \$100; and contingent fund, \$300.

The Committee on work exemplified the ritual on elected candidates.

HARTSFORD LEEHISON, Greensboro, Grand Master.

GEORGE A. BEAUCHAMP, Montgomery, Grand Recorder.

ARIZONA

This is a new Grand Council, and the following birth announcement is sent out by the proud mother:

GENERAL GRAND COUNCIL of Royal and Select Masters of the United States of America

To the several Grand Councils, constituents of the General Grand Council:

To the officers and members of General Grand Council:

And to all Royal and Select Masters to whom these presents may come:

Greeting Companions:

It is with pleasure that I announce the formation of the

GRAND COUNCIL OF ROYAL AND SELECT MASTERS OF ARIZONA

at a Convention held in Tucson, February 14, 1922, participated in by Representatives from Huachuca Council No. 1

of Bisbee; Hiram Council No. 2 of Prescott; Gilla Council No 3 of Globe, and Phoenix Council No. 4 of Phoenix, Arizona, at which Convention it was my pride and pleasure to preside. The new Grand Council begins her career under favorable auspices, having approximately 400 members, and I bespeak for her a prompt and cordial recognition by her Sister Grand Councils and a hearty welcome into the great family of Grand Councils of the United States. M. I. Rickmer N. Fredericks, Prescott, is Grand Master and R. I. George J. Roskrige, Tucson, is Grand Recorder.

Given at Little Rock, Arkansas, this the 22nd day of February A. D. 1922, A. Dep. 2922.

FAY HEMPSTEAD,
General Grand Master.

Attest:

(Seal)

Henry W. Mordhurst,
General Grand Recorder.

ARKANSAS, 1920

Fifty-eight Annual

LITTLE ROCK

November 19

DAVID I. MILLS, Grand Master.

The Grand Master was unable to be present and preside, being unavoidably detained, and Deputy Grand Master Allen Winham presided. Michigan's Grand Representative George C. Schmelzel evidently stuck to the "Hot Springs" rather than venturing out to Little Rock. Grand Recorder Fay Hempstead was officially greeted and received as General Deputy Grand Master, and responded with words of thanks for the courtesy.

The address of the Grand Master was read in his absence which discloses that he was working on his second term of service. In starting out he says:

The fact is impressed upon me that every Royal Arch Mason should be invited to petition a council, that he could thus complete the system of Ancient Craft Masonry and have the opportunity to fully possess a knowledge of the historical and legendary connections of the system.

Grand Recorder Hempstead reports that immediately after the last session he prepared copy for the printers, but it was the following June before their finished proceedings arrived.

Four councils became defunct and gave up the ghost, but their loss was retrieved by the formation of five new councils, so Arkansas is still ahead of the game. He reports the year one of great prosperity with a net gain in membership of 316, the total being 1,218, and five councils failed to make returns. He calls attention to the new monitor issued by General Grand Council, prepared by "a committee of erudite companions" which is sold to the members at \$1.40 per copy.

The Grand Council was officially invited, and accepted the invitation of Occidental Council No. 1 to witness its conferring the Super-Excellent degree upon a class of thirty-six candidates.

The Grand Council donated the sum of \$100 to the George Washington National Memorial and \$300 to the new Scottish Rite Temple, also \$100 to assist in entertaining the next assembly of General Grand Council, but this sum will not be needed as the General Grand Council will go to Maine instead of Arkansas, but they can use the money just the same.

After noting the re-appointment of Companion Horsfall as Grand Lecturer, Grand Recorder adds the following note.

Companion T. M. Horsfall died March 9, 1921, aged 83 years while these Proceedings were going through the press. He had serv-

ed continuously as Grand Lecturer of the Grand Council of Arkansas for twenty years, and was one of the most ardent and enthusiastic workers in her membership. He simply gave his life to Masonry, and had attained high rank in all of its departments. To him more than to any one person is due the degree of progress attained by the Grand Council of Arkansas within the last decade. Scottish Rite services were held over his remains in Little Rock March 11, and he was buried at his old home near Hazen, Arkansas, March 12, 1921, with Masonic services conducted by Hazen Lodge No. 361, and attended by Zabud Council No. 36.

ALLEN WINHAM, Texarkana, Grand Master.

FAY HEMPSTEAD, Little Rock, Grand Recorder.

ARKANSAS, 1921

ALLEN WINHAM, Grand Master.

Fifty-ninth Annual

LITTLE ROCK

November 18

This being the home state of Companion Fay Hempstead, he was officially announced, received, welcomed, accorded Grand Honors and again seated in the East as "Most Puissant General Grand Master of the General Grand Council, R. & S. M. of the United States."

This jurisdiction lost its Past Grand Master and Grand Lecturer for twenty years, Companion Thomas M. Horsfall, in the 83rd year of his age. The Grand Master notes the honors that came to his state at Asheville for besides the above noted, Companion Charles N. Rix was elected Deputy General Grand High Priest of General Grand Chapter.

Companion Hempstead makes his twenty-third report as Grand Recorder. It seems that they secure their bids on printing the proceedings after the meeting is all over and copy is ready to print. One new council reported at Batesville. The General Grand Council is noted as "the chief feature of the year." It certainly was to Hempstead. He complimented the "superb rendition of the degree of

Super Excellent Master by a picked team of our Missouri Companions," also the Royal Arch by the same companions. His first official act as General Grand Master was to visit his own council of which he has been a member for forty years. He also notes the following:

Today as I make official visit to this, my Mother Grand Council, a curious incident becomes apparent. In 1903 the General Grand Council held her Assembly in Little Rock, and the companions of the Grand Council of Arkansas, desiring to express to the General Grand Council their pride in being hosts to the distinguished body, and their appreciation of the coming of the General Grand Council among them, presented to the General Grand Council as a souvenir of the happy occasion, a beautiful apron for the use of the Most Puissant General Grand Master. It was my pride and my great delight that I was selected as the individual to make the presentation speech. Today, after the lapse of eighteen years, I am wearing that same apron, in the same city, as General Grand Master.

He also makes a good suggestion on History of Cryptic Masonry in Arkansas which will apply with equal force in all jurisdictions which have not done so. Michigan has.

It came in my way to suggest to the General Grand Council what I here repeat, namely, the importance of preserving the history of Cryptic Masonry in each State; that in each State Grand Council, some one should be appointed to write the history of that particular jurisdiction; showing when the Grand Council was formed, by what councils formed, and when the participating councils were themselves formed and by whom, and add to it from year to year the histories of individual councils. I would gladly render this service myself for this Grand Jurisdiction if desired. The portions could first be included as a part of our proceedings, and afterwards taken out and bound separately and subsequent additions be made. I suggest this to the Grand Council for consideration.

It is pleasing to note the strong contrast of the position of this state on one of the forward movements of the day as compared with her sister state with the "Ar" knocked off.

Companion J. H. Clendening explained the aims and purposes of the Order of De Molay for Boys, which remarks were supplemented by similar expressions by Companion Hempstead, and on motion of Companion Clendening, it was

Resolved, That the Grand Council of Arkansas give her moral support and encouragement to the organization, and recommends that Chapters of the same be formed where practicable and convenient.

Good for "Ar"ansas.

IRA C. LANGLEY, Piggott, Grand Master.

FAY HEMPSTEAD, Little Rock, Grand Recorder.

CALIFORNIA, 1921

Sixty-first Annual

LONG BEACH

April 18.

DAVID J. REESE, Grand Master.

Distinguished visitors were received in the persons of William A. Spill, P. G. M. of Ohio; Edward R. Rowe, P. G. M. of Illinois; William J. Schaefer, P. G. M. of Oklahoma; Frederick W. Craig, General Grand High Priest; besides several noted Californian members of the Craft.

In this introductory the Grand Master expresses the following:

I believe firmly that the Supreme Architect of the Universe has graciously bestowed upon Free Masonry His divine approval as one of the great influences for moral and spiritual betterment in human life. If the Masonic institution, or any of its branches, be dormant and inactive, then indeed is it falling short of the great purposes and ideals for which it is organized.

Our membership consists of a great system of assets and liabilities, and every member must necessarily occupy one of these positions, and that by his own selection. The real asset of the Order is the earnest, interested, devoted Mason who loves the organization for the opportunity it gives him of doing good to others, who unselfishly supports the great moral principles it inculcates, and who contributes his best efforts to sustaining and upholding the particular organization with which he is affiliated.

The great object of Masonic effort is the search for Truth, and the permanent value of Truth is only apparent when incarnated into a living, thinking human being, for no man receives from Masonry

substantial results unless he is sufficiently interested to give his time, influence and energy to put into action the great principles for which our organization stands. The greater our activities, the more do we live closer to its ideals, and thus our lives are filled with the spirit of service, until we realize that we possess the Truth, which is the "True Word."

He is very enthusiastic over the prosperity and growth of the councils and over the greatest increase in membership in the history of the Grand Council, the results having been far beyond his fondest anticipations. Every council in the state received and greeted candidates during the year as well as showing substantial gains, a record surely worthy of pride. Of the dead ones he has this to say;

A dormant council in a community is a greater detriment to Masonry than its absence would be, and the sooner it is put to work or its charter arrested, the better it is for all concerned. A council cannot exist for any great length of time on "artificial respiration" or tradition, it requires men with red blood in their veins and an object in life, to make things count and bring success—men who realize that the principles of Freemasonry are as eternal as the God we worship, and that Cryptic Masonry means something more than conferring degrees and attending banquets."

In connection with other Grand bodies the Grand Council issued several thousand copies in the interests of the "York Rite."

He expresses a general dissatisfaction with the ritual in use and he recommends the appointment of a committee to suggest a revision of the ritual. In regard to the Super-Excellent degree he says that one council has given answer to the question of pre-requisition, and that answer is to make its assemblies and degree work so intensely interesting that Chapter Masons will not advance further until they have taken the Cryptic degrees. It has even gone so far that men seek admission to the Blue Lodge that they may eventually receive the Super-Excellent degree. That certainly beats the Shrine a mile. Here, companions, is much

food for thought when you may occasionally hear the remark that the council need not be considered.

At a previous assembly provision was made for the appropriation of \$4,000 for the erection and equipment of a Domestic Science bungalow for the girls at the Masonic Home, but on account of high priced materials and labor, the actual construction had been deferred until later.

He expressed the belief that the compensation of the Grand Recorder was not commensurate with the increasing duties of the office and recommending an increase in the salary, and it was increased to \$300. He personally visited a large number of councils.

Grand Recorder Davies reports a total membership of 5,335, net increase of 1,078.

A communication from Jesse M. Whited, Chairman of the Advisory Council, relative to the Order of DeMolay was read, and the Grand Council heartily endorsed this great work. The Committee on the American Rite of Freemasonry reported the publication of 20,000 copies of their pamphlet, "To the Master Mason Desiring Further Knowledge." Other Grand Jurisdictions were so impressed with these pamphlets that nearly a like amount has been ordered by them. For the entertainment of the visitors, the degree of Super-Excellent Master was conferred on a large class by Santa Ana Council.

Retiring Grand Master Reese responded to a commendatory address by Comp. Mattison B. Jones:

Companion Jones and Most Illustrious Grand Master, if I have made a success in any way in Masonry, I owe that success to two persons in this world. It has been said that the deeds that a mother thinks, the songs a mother sings, and the lessons and prayers she teaches her boy at night, shapes the destinies of the man; and if that be so, companions, the songs that my good old mother sang, and the lessons that she taught me, have enabled me to shape my career and to take an interest in this greatest of all fraternities of Free and Accepted Masons. But there is one other companion to whom I owe more, perhaps, than any other, and I am glad that Companion Jones

referred to her, because my good wife in all these twenty years of my active interest in Masonry, who has kept the home, who has sacrificed more than man can sacrifice, has shared my interest in Masonry, has spared me from the home and urged me in a loving and kindly way to do what I have done in Masonry. For her, Companion Jones and companions of this Grand Council, I accept this gift, and I know that in future years when she looks upon this token that has been presented to me here, she will, in a small degree, at least, know what this Grand Council has meant to me.

The Report on Correspondence is by Grand Principal Conductor of the Work O'Donnell, and Michigan for 1920 is kindly reviewed.

ERNEST E. FORD, Alhambra, Grand Master.

THOMAS A. DAVIES, San Francisco, Grand Recorder.

COLORADO, 1921

Twenty-seventh Annual

DENVER

September 19

WILLIAM W. COOPER, Grand Master

This Grand Council presents a neatly printed pamphlet dressed in a white overskirt trimmed in purple.

The first ceremony was the reception and presentation of "The flag of our Country" after which it was "placed on the dais at the right of the M. I. Grand Master."

Comp. Thos. E. Shears, G. G. Treas. of G. G. C. of the U. S. A., was received with Grand Honors, but on account of his health was excused from speaking. This honored companion has since passed to the great beyond. The sixth Grand Master, serving in 1899 was Comp. Wm. W. Field who was back to his old home and was also accorded the Grand Honors.

Comp. Geo. W. Roe, Grand Representative of Michigan, was also present "as usual" and this time also filling the station of Deputy Grand Master. At the election which fol-

lowed, he was exalted to the highest station in his Grand Council, and Michigan proudly makes obeisance and congratulates her Grand Representative, feeling that the ties between these Grand Councils are bound still closer than before. Comp. Roe has never failed to render a good report to the jurisdiction he has so long represented, and we know that the same dutiful attention to responsibilities will actuate him in the performance of his duties as Grand Master. Go to it, George.

The Grand Recorder announced that Companions Greenleaf, Tucker and Simons were sick at their homes. The Grand Master appointed a committee to visit these companions and extend greetings which were gratefully appreciated.

The Grand Master's address is short, but he has a fine report to render. Every council did work but one; every one increased its membership, made returns and paid dues; every council was represented at the annual assembly of Grand Council. This is a record many Grand Councils will do well to emulate.

He asked waiver of jurisdiction from General Grand Council over material of its subordinate councils in New Mexico which reduced the distance to be traveled by "several hundred miles". Such interest should always be encouraged.

The following sounds a little like coercion from this distance:

RECOMMENDATION

On September 22, 1920, the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons of Colorado adopted an amendment to its Book of Constitutions providing that if certain organizations, including the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of the State of Colorado, should fail to enact a law prohibiting the receiving of petitions for the degrees conferred by such bodies from those who have not been Master Masons for at least one year; and should fail to enact a law prohibiting their members from soliciting Entered Apprentices, Fellow Crafts, or Master Masons to petition for such De-

grees, the recognition hitherto granted to such organizations by the Grand Lodge of Colorado would be withdrawn.

I recommend that this matter be referred to the Jurisprudence Committee with instructions to report thereon at this annual assembly.

The committee reported a by-law conforming therewith which was "unanimously adopted". This is inclined as a blow in the solar plexus to the overzealous Scottish Rite who will take a signed petition from one just passing through the Lodge and "lock it up in the safe till he finishes and gets enough money to go on." We will watch with interest its operation as to the effect upon the American Rite.

The Grand Master officially visited all but two of the councils, such a record in some jurisdictions would keep a Grand Master busy. In this case it was eleven. However one of these visits required two days each way.

Under condition of the Craft he says:

It must be admitted that as one may be a good man in every walk of life and yet not be a Mason, so one may be a good Mason and not a Select Master. But we have in our possession two degrees intimately connected with Ancient Craft Masonry; and while the receiving of these degrees by a Royal Arch Mason may or may not improve his spiritual nature, this acquisition will give him a better understanding of the legends and symbolism of Freemasonry.

We have another degree, the Super-Excellent Master, which is now conferred by more than one-third of the Colorado Councils in a dignified and Masonic manner, and which may be made the means of increasing interest in the Rite and developing its social features.

It is a pleasure to note that Comp. Cooper is the present Grand Secretary of Grand Chapter of Colorado.

Grand Recorder Foster corroborates the Grand Master on condition of councils and shows a membership of 2,008, net gain of 211 or 11%.

No Report on Correspondence.

GEORGE W. ROE, Pueblo, M. I. Grand Master.

ERNEST LENEVE FOSTER, Denver, Grand Recorder.

CONNECTICUT, 1921

One hundred and third Annual NEW HAVEN June 1
NORMAN C. STEVENS, Grand Master

Distinguished visitors were present from the neighboring jurisdictions of New York, Massachusetts and Rhode Island. The Grand Representatives stood in line facing the East and were becomingly welcomed.

The Grand Master looks back upon his three years of inspection work as among the most pleasant of his Masonic experience. The usual system of marking in this jurisdiction is interesting, and the councils visited show ratings at A, with two exceptions, on ritual, floor work, records and paraphernalia. The percentage of attendance ranges from 14% to 48%. He recommends that P. T. I. M's be made permanent members of Grand Council. Why not? Michigan does. He also recommends that inspection privileges be extended to the other members of the line as a better preparation for the future duties as Grand Master.

The Grand Recorder reports that the increase in membership is 983, all councils contributing to this splendid showing. A recommendation was adopted that no companion shall hold the office of Thrice Illustrious Master for more than two consecutive years without a special dispensation from the Grand Master. That would pinch off some heads in Michigan if adopted.

Evidently the report of the Committee on Jurisprudence cannot be questioned in that jurisdiction as the record shows that it was not ready when called for, and the committee was authorized to prepare it and forward to the Grand Recorder for publication. We presume they adopted it.

Last year a resolution was presented that the Grand Council make application for membership in General Grand Council and laid over for action. The matter was quite thoroughly discussed, but the resolution was lost. A "Get-

together dinner" was held during the session, and the social enjoyment greatly appreciated by all.

A list of the surviving P. T. I. M's is published, but, George, why not publish all and make it history, indicating those deceased with an asterisk.

Like Michigan, the Grand Recorder is also the Committee on Correspondence and George gives Michigan for 1920 a good setting out, covering nearly two pages of his space. Commenting he says:

Referring to Connecticut's way of Masonic progression—"gentlemen's agreement," he calls it—"If all Grand Council jurisdictions would work like that the recent defeat of the pre-requisite amendment in Grand Encampment would hurt nobody."

It may be of interest to explain this "gentlemen's agreement," as titled by Companion Conover, for his information. The By-Laws of Palestine Commandery, No. 6, of which the Connecticut correspondent is a frater, adopted when the commandery was instituted in 1857, had the following opening sentence to its Article 6:

"No candidate shall be admitted to the Orders of Knighthood in this Encampment, who shall not have regularly received the several degrees of Entered Apprentice, Fellow Craft, Master Mason, Mark Master, Past Master, Most Excellent Master, Royal Arch Mason, Royal and Select Master."

The obligation carried the same provision. Fraters who were knighted while that law was in existence, felt that no edict of the Grand Encampment relieved them of their obligation as fully taken, and so they maintained the qualification for membership, which has been continued—that a Royal Arch Mason petitioning for the commandery shall at the same time petition to the council. They allowed this modification, that they would accept the petition and fee paid the council, as the petitioner's intention to take the council degrees, and the commandery could go ahead with its petition. And every candidate for the Orders of Knighthood has done exactly as he was advised to do, so that in this correspondent's seventeen years as Recorder of his commandery, there has never been occasion to return to a petition because the requirement was not followed. The old by-law was repealed when Grand Encampment eliminated council pre-requisition, but the progression still stands as it is here explained.

This will be interesting information to our members.

EDWARD B. ALLING, New Britain, Grand Master.

GEORGE A. STURDY, New London, Grand Recorder.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, 1920

Second Annual

WASHINGTON

February 5.

MONTGOMERY HUNTER, Acting Grand Master.

A very neat pamphlet printed in modern style on coated paper sets forth in splendid form the records of this young Grand Council. Michigan was properly represented by R. Stone Jackson.

The Grand Master of Masons of the District was presented at the altar and received with Grand Honors. The Acting Grand Master reports the death of Most Illustrious Walter B. Pettus, Grand Master, during the year.

The Grand Master arranged through the Grand Master of Maryland to have the degree of Super Excellent conferred by Concordia Council No. 1 of Baltimore in full form which was done on May 15 on a class of about 600 candidates in the New Willard Hotel. This was the largest assembly of the Cryptic Rite ever held in Washington. This is the council which Wellington asked "Where did you get your ritual?" This work gave new impetus to the Cryptic work in the District, and its results will be far reaching. Zabud Council No. 4 was formed, and asked for a charter to 40 members.

Grand Recorder Colborn reports a total membership of 1,165, a net gain for the year of 516. When we consider that this Grand Council is only two years old and of such limited territory, it has made wonderful progress and outstripped some of the state Grand Councils. The Grand Recorder is making all preparations for making his office a model one and keeping records in first-class shape. He is to be congratulated and encouraged.

No report on correspondence is made.

MARK F. FINLEY, Washington, Grand Master.

JOHN A. COLBORN, Washington, Grand Recorder.

ENGLAND AND WALES, 1921

Annual Convocation.

LONDON

March 15.

ARTHUR H. McMAHON, Grand Master

The Grand Master delivers no official address or report. That duty devolves upon the Grand Recorder, and Comp. Hansell tells us he has issued 79 certificates the past year, and states that this number compares favorably with the previous year. That means 79 new members, as it is the custom in that jurisdiction to issue a certificate or diploma to every member as he is received under the order. This also applies to other Masonic bodies with more regularity than in the United States.

He reports the loss by death of Rev. Wright, the Grand Lecturer, who was a competent ritualist and a good visitor to the various councils.

Grand Master McMahon was, "upon motion, re-elected, proclaimed and saluted" under direction of the Grand Director of Ceremonies, after which the remaining officers were duly appointed and saluted. This constituted the business of the assembly.

ARTHUR H. McMAHON, Grand Master.

A. D. HANSELL, Grand Recorder.

FLORIDA, 1920

Fortieth Annual

JACKSONVILLE

May 17.

DABNEY B. PALMER, Grand Master.

In his annual address, Grand Master Palmer says:

Thinking men of sound, moral principle are coming to see that a permanent foundation for peace and prosperity, if it is ever established, must be built on the principles of Cryptic Masonry.

The old theories of the power of commerce and education and science to prevent war has been exploded, and men in looking for means of establishing an enduring peace, recognize that it can only be built on moral character.

Our institution exists to develop, foster and protect moral character.

He reports the death of Past Grand Recorder James W. Boyd, who was an active figure in that jurisdiction.

Two councils were constituted by special deputies as he was unable to visit any council during the year. He believes there is a great field for organization of new councils in that state. The Grand Council received petitions, balloted, and conferred the degrees upon several companions as a Grand Council. Most Grand Bodies defer that to the local councils.

One hundred dollars was appropriated to the Washington Memorial Association.

CHESTER DeROCHER, Bradentown, Grand Master.

WILBER P. WEBSTER, Jacksonville, Grand Recorder.

1921

Forty-first Annual.

JACKSONVILLE

May 16.

CHESTER DeROCHER, Grand Master.

The same volume contains the proceedings for 1921. A good portrait of my friend, Charles H. Ketchum, Grand Master, is included in the proceedings.

In addressing the Grand Council he says:

We, as Cryptic Rite Masons, as well as the Masonic Fraternity in general, are now given the opportunity to practice the principles which we teach, and the call comes to us to preserve and perform those fundamental teachings of this institution, that the right and justice which our country's flag typifies, may be preserved throughout eternity. "To work together after a common plan for the true realization of our brotherhood" should be the battle cry of the thinking Mason of today, who can see the foundation of the world crumbling because the cement of brotherly love is being dissolved.

It is in the interests of such principles and their advancement that we are assembled today, therefore, let us put our trust in God that the struggle of the future will be the struggle of peace and the advancement of brotherly love.

The oldest city in America has at last woke up and made application for a council. Councils were also established at Live Oak and Eau Gallie, which would indicate increased interest in that jurisdiction.

Upon assuming the office, it was his purpose to visit all the councils, but many calls upon him as Grand Master of Masons of the same jurisdiction had made it impossible. He attended the Washington Memorial Association meeting, and is an ardent advocate of the purposes of that organization.

He finds that large proportion of the increase in membership is due to the rejuvenation of some of their councils. He believes the minimum fee of \$5.00 is too small an amount for the dignity of Masonic degrees, and recommends the increase to \$10.00, also an increase in the Grand Recorder's salary.

Grand Recorder Webster reported that all councils made returns except Tampa No. 8, yet that was a newly revived council, but possibly the serum did not have the desired effect. The net gain in membership was 372, making 1,063 on the rolls.

The financial recommendations of the Grand Master were approved and provision was made for the necessary actual expenses of the Grand Master in making visitations and \$100 for a Representative to General Grand Council. The Grand Council dues were made 50 cents for each member and \$2.00 for each candidate. The constitution and regulations were ordered revised, and 200 copies printed.

CHARLES H. KETCHUM, Grand Master, Key West.
WILBER P. WEBSTER, Grand Recorder, Jacksonville.

GENERAL GRAND COUNCIL, 1921

Fourteenth Triennial ASHEVILLE, N. C. September 26
GEORGE A. NEWELL, General Grand Master

A fine steel engraved portrait of Fay Hempstead, the new General Grand Master, greets you on opening the cover, and upon the lapel of his coat is shown his cherished jewel as "Poet Laureate of Masonry." This portrait is followed by an equally good one of retiring Grand Master George A. Newell.

A special assembly of the Grand Council of North Carolina convened on Monday morning, September 26, 1921, at 9:30 o'clock for the purpose of formally receiving and officially welcoming the General Grand Council. The body was welcomed by Brother A. J. Harris on behalf of the Grand Lodge, Companion John J. Phoenix on behalf of the Grand Chapter, Sir Raymond C. Dunn on behalf of the Grand Commandery, and Honorable Gallatin Roberts, Mayor of Asheville, on behalf of the community.

Black rules indicate the death of two of the General Grand Officers, Joseph C. Greenfield, General Grand Principal Conductor of the Work, and William H. L. Odell, General Grand Marshal.

General Grand Treasurer Thomas E. Shears, was unable to be present on account of the condition of his health.

Distinguished visitors in the persons of Frederick W. Craig, General Grand High Priest of the General Grand Chapter, then about to convene, together with Companions James W. Taylor, Arthur G. Pollard, Bernard G. Witt and George E. Corson, Past General Grand High Priests, were introduced and received with the Grand Honors of Masonry.

The General Grand Master's address was very complete and he notes that Cryptic Rite has, like all other branches of the fraternity, enjoyed a remarkable increase, and also calls attention to increase in finances. He issued his proxy for the constitution of four new councils located in Washington, D. C.; Wilmington, Delaware; Coeur d' Alene, Idaho,

and Casper, Wyoming. He also reports the formation of the Grand Council of the District of Columbia during his term of office, with Companion George E. Corson as first Grand Master.

He suggests that if the number of rituals allotted to each Grand Council and the subordinate councils could be limited and the manner of their distribution defined, the General Grand Recorder would escape some criticism, and the control of the rituals better effected.

He gives the obituary of prerequisite in these words:

It was well prepared and presented the views of the General Grand Council in the most favorable aspect.

It was received, an amendment to carry it into effect prepared, and referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence. Consideration was postponed until the next Triennial of the Grand Encampment.

At Philadelphia, when the Grand Encampment met in 1919, the Committee on Jurisprudence, in presenting its report on the proposed amendment said:

"Without entering into any lengthy argument, the committee is of the opinion that the application of these amendments is impracticable, non-feasible and placing a heavy burden upon the Commanderies and, from the standpoint of the council degrees, it would produce a forced and not a voluntary membership within the Secret Vault."

The report of the committee was adopted, and so far as the printed proceedings of the Grand Encampment disclose, no Sir Knight voiced any opposition to the motion to adopt.

Ever since the formation of the General Grand Council, efforts have been made for the enactment of the desired prerequisite. These efforts have failed.

The council degrees are now on a sure foundation, and to further solicit favors at the hands of the Grand Encampment seems derogatory to the dignity of the General Grand Council.

General Grand Recorder Mordhurst takes pleasure in presenting his twelfth triennial report, 36 years, and shows the condition of Cryptic Masonry to be in splendid shape. The General Grand Council now consists of twenty-four Grand Councils, who ratified its constitution, and of nine Grand Councils formed by themselves. He made another ef-

fort to have the per capita tax reduced from two cents to one cent, but was not sustained by the Finance Committee.

Five councils were organized under dispensation in Albuquerque, New Mexico, Globe and Phoenix, Arizona; Laramie, Wyoming; and Payette, Idaho.

Appropriations were made by the Finance Committee as follows: \$800 per year to the Grand Master for traveling expenses for himself or his special representative: \$800 salary for General Grand Recorder and \$100 for General Grand Treasurer; and the sum of \$5,000.00 invested in Liberty Bonds. The sum of \$5,000 was set aside for the expenses of the Committee on the History of Cryptic Masonry in making its researches. An effort was made to limit rituals to three copies for each council and one each for the first four Grand Officers, but the present plan of distribution was continued, which, if we understand correctly, leaves it to the judgment of the General Grand Recorder.

The customary jewel and apron were presented to retiring General Grand Master Newell.

FAY HEMPSTEAD, Little Rock, Arkansas, General Grand Master.

HENRY W. MORDHURST, Fort Wayne, Indiana, General Grand Recorder.

GEORGIA, 1921

Seventy-eighth Annual.

MACON

April 26.

HENRY S. COLDING, Grand Master.

When the name of Joseph C. Greenfield was called, the Grand Master called the Grand Council to its feet, and said: "Since our last meeting Brother Greenfield has passed over the River." This companion was a very active member of this jurisdiction, and at the time of his death was serving

as General Grand Conductor of the Work of the General Grand Council.

The Grand Master reports that his jurisdiction was never in such a prosperous condition, both numerically and financially, and especially mentions the wonderful work that the two councils in Atlanta have been doing. Credit for the wonderful results attained in this once very weak jurisdiction is attributed to the Grand Recorder-Lecturer, E. A. McHan, and his untiring efforts in that direction. Twelve new councils were constituted during the year and four instituted under dispensation which certainly indicates prosperity.

The Grand Master recommended that steps be immediately taken to attempt to fill the place vacated by Comp. Greenfield with another companion from Georgia.

He also recommends that the Grand Recorder be authorized to help any council he thinks needs assistance in conferring the degrees. "For a little personal help saves hours of ritual study, and provides against misconception of the work." A very true statement. Under the head of Grand Recorder, he further says:

If any of our councils are so situated with an incompetent brother holding that position, tell him that he is a detriment and suggest to him in a nice way that he retire. If he does not agree with your viewpoint, put it squarely up to the body and show them how they are suffering from such inefficiency, and if they do not apply the proper remedy it will be no fault of yours if your council falls behind, as it surely will.

One body, of which I was the head, had a lovable old brother as Recorder. He would do nothing to-day that he could do next week, and the only way I succeeded during my term of office was by doing nearly all the work of his office. He lived in the country, was out of town nearly all the time and missed a good many of the meetings. When he died his books were in a mess and many valuable records missing.

Business conditions and increased Masonic activity are calculated and based upon the price of cotton in that juris-

diction, and he calls to mind that "last year middling cotton was selling at 43 3-4c per pound and now sells for 11 1-2c per pound," but in spite of that the membership is steadily increasing.

In visiting councils he waited for calls for his services. If he had gone out and preached the Gospel he here propounds, much more good would have been done. His conclusion is so good that I quote:

There is a period of unrest over the whole world and conditions in our beloved Country and State are far from what they should be. Bolshevism, and so-called Socialism and Communism are running rampant in many sections, especially in large cities, and even in our own State, where abuse and villification of our Government and courts have gone so far that the men and women who dared to flaunt their Communistic and Bolshevistic ideas in impassioned speeches publicly made should have been arrested and either locked up or deported from our country, for at least 98 per cent of them were of foreign birth, who came here as immigrants and many of them having fraudulent citizen papers, as a close investigation would disclose.

And we have another element that needs close attention and that is many of the so-called leaders of labor, who get enormous salaries and turn in expense accounts as great or greater than their salaries. Many of these are trying to foment trouble, caring nothing about the men and women they misrepresent as long as they can draw their salaries and perquisites. By following their advice many honest laboring men and women are now out of jobs and their families suffering.

Immigrants are allowed to come into our country who do not believe in God, law or government, and opposed to the Christian and any other form of religion, and their whole idea a gospel of hate and sabotage; they come here with but one idea and determination, and that is to pull down our Churches and Government and make us another Russia.

While the Constitution of our country recognizes no religion, it is needless for me to call your attention to the fact that up to a recent date the militant branch of one sect was allowed all the privileges of our camps, both in the country and abroad and this right refused to all other religious and fraternal bodies; they say they believe in God, but they want to run this country in accordance with rules and regulations set down by one man who is dominated by a council, the large majority of whom came from one country in Europe.

Where this religion is in power no progress is made; poverty and ignorance predominate and the country falling behind, for it combats education as well as civil and religious liberty.

During the past eight years our country had in power a man near the President of our Nation, and who with his tacit consent, took particular pains to show that he was opposed to any and everything wanted by our fraternity, putting us on a par with Greek letter fraternities, but thank God that time has passed and Masonry is on top in the Capital of our Nation. The President, Vice-President, practically all the Cabinet, and the Secretary to the President being members of our fraternity. We have no right to, or do we expect, special favors or privileges from them, but we know we will get justice, and that is all we want.

The signs of the time are that Masonry has got to save our country; all the religions of our country, except one, are divided into sects, most of them small and practically of no power, and it is an impossibility to organize them into a compact body to oppose the growing power of a sect that is noted as being the most powerful single organization in the world, and, as many of you know, they have a militant branch that is giving free industrial and technical education and fighting the Young Men's Christian Association at every point, and spreading false statements about its activities in Europe during the war. Look carefully, Companions, and see what crowd are running the South and our own State and see where they are leading us, telling us if we don't keep solid dire disaster will befall us. You have only to look at the names of these men to see from what countries they come, and the conditions in their country today; see who dominates the leaders of the gang in the North and West, where they have usually but little power, and you will see that the South is pulling the chestnuts out of the fire to help a sect that is dominated by a foreign potentate.

Lenine has founded his miserable government with a denial of God, and murders all those he or his minions find that believe in God and His Son, Jesus Christ. No government has ever succeeded, or ever will succeed, that denies the existence of God, and the Soviet Russia is as sure to fall as it is certain that the sun will rise in the morning. The only religion for our country is the religion taught by our Savior, for in every country where you find hospitals, orphanages, and other institutions, where the poor, sick and blind are taken care of, you will find the institution taken care of by some Christian church, for we are alone in this work for humanity.

And now, my companions, while we all agree that Masonry is

not religion, it is for us to get square behind the ministers of our churches and help them build up their depleted ranks, for our people are getting careless about taking care of the church, for just as sure as our churches fall, and the Christian religion falls, and we know there is a determined fight against it, so sure will our Nation perish from off of the face of the earth, for no Nation can exist without God.

Now, my Masonic Companions, wake up and see what is going on around us. Get busy if you want to save the Nation, and at the same time—save our State.

Grand Recorder McHan reports 5,976 members, a net gain of 985.

Finance Committee recommended the Grand Recorder-Lecturer's salary at \$1500, stenographer \$300, with \$300 for expenses of representation at General Grand Council.

W. PAUL MARTIN, Grand Master, Adairsville.

EDGAR A. McHAN, Grand Recorder, Macon.

ILLINOIS, 1921

Sixty-ninth Annual.

SPRINGFIELD

September 28.

J. H. DUNLAP, Grand Master.

The Grand Master's address contains matters only of routine importance.

Grand Recorder Warvelle's report shows a total membership of 17,480, a net gain of 3,284 or 23%, which is going some. That places Illinois second to Ohio in membership and gains, but Indiana beats her in number greeted, but Warvelle's figures were compared with 1920 returns. This year Indiana passes Illinois with 81 more greeted.

A resolution was adopted providing that only signs belonging to the degree upon which a council is opening or closing shall be used.

An appropriation of \$3,500 was proposed for equipping an X-ray room in Illinois Masonic Hospital, but was declared lost. An effort to increase the fee for the degrees in Cook County (Chicago) to \$25 was also lost.

The Correspondence Report is by "Veteran" Warvelle and is his thirtieth production. He says:

Thirty years is comparatively a long time for a reviewer to remain on the job and, now that I am in the sear and yellow leaf, possibly I have outgrown my usefulness. Of the men who were active in the affairs of Grand Council when I received my first appointment only a few, very few, are still with us. For the most part they have left this mundane sphere for the land that lies over against the sunset. But we have still with us a few, a very few, of the old veterans with whom I labored forty years ago to pull Grand Council out of the mire of the merger and give it place and standing in the American Masonic System. Long may they remain with us.

Michigan for 1920 is courteously reviewed, and our splendid increase in membership noted. In his comparative table he places Michigan as sixth in membership and seventh in greeted and gains. He quotes the Grand Recorder's comments on losses by non-payment of dues and the action thereon by the committee to whom it was referred.

In his comments under "S. E. M." he does not agree with many of the other reviewers.

In Michigan it would seem that the S. E. M. is now obligatory and the Constitution has been so amended as to make it the culminating degree of the Cryptic Rite. The same rule prevails in New Jersey. The wisdom of this may well be doubted while it has the further effect of destroying the symmetry of the Rite as given to us by the fathers.

In its inception the Super was strictly a side degree and this should be its present character. As it bears no relation to the Cryptic degrees and in point of time refers to incidents which occurred centuries after the action therein depicted, it seems like a gross anachronism to make it the culminating degree of the Rite of the Secret Vault.

However, this a subject upon which there is much diversity of opinion and I presume every man is entitled to hold, and even ex-

press his own views. There are, however, those who deny this latter privilege.

OTHO L. CALDWELL, Springfield, Grand Master.

GEORGE W. WARVELLE, Chicago, Grand Recorder.

INDIANA, 1921

Sixty-sixth Annual

FORT WAYNE

October 18-19

FRED R. FARNAM, Grand Master.

This volume is profusely illustrated with excellent portraits of the incoming and outgoing Grand Masters, as well as the late Grand Recorder Prather, and present Grand Recorder Woods, and a halftone of the Scottish Rite Cathedral in Fort Wayne where the meeting was held. The following is taken from the "proemial:"

The occasion of the Annual Assembly at Fort Wayne was in many respects unusual and memorable. On Monday afternoon preceding the convening of Grand Council, at 3 o'clock, the Mother Chapter of the Order of DeMolay for Boys, from Kansas City, exemplified the degrees of that Order before a large audience in the Scottish Rite Cathedral. The work was most impressive from a ritualistic and dramatic standpoint, and the impression made upon those who witnessed it was deep and lasting, establishing the right of this Order to a permanent place as an institution teaching patriotism, honor, truth, filial devotion and true manhood to the young men of our land.

There were representatives from 71 of the 73 chartered councils. Grand Master Farnam reports on the Cryptic conditions in that jurisdiction:

Amid the perplexing social, industrial and economic problems now confronting us all in state and nation, I am happy, my companions, in the belief that, aside possibly from the church, the Masonic institution is the one great factor that can bring about for your land and mine that higher standard of loyal, co-operative citizenship that must characterize real Americanism today; I am happy, too, that

we, Royal and Select Masters, can have such a splendid part in the work of that great Masonic institution.

He granted dispensations for three new councils and constituted two under charters. In this connection he recommends that hereafter a positive pre-requisite that every council shall have a complete equipment sufficient for the exemplification of the degrees in accordance with the ritual. He attended the General Grand Council and was highly satisfied with the outcome, inasmuch as General Grand Recorder Mordhurst was returned for his thirteenth triennial period as General Grand Recorder, and Bob Woods, Indiana's Grand Recorder, broke into the lines, so Indiana ought to be able to hold the General Grand in perfect balance.

He suggests certain changes to be made in the constitution and a new edition printed.

Grand Treasurer Woodward's report shows a fine financial condition, the total assets of \$18,850. Grand Recorder Woods reports a net gain of 2,899 by 76 active councils.

Grand Inspector Glendening makes his final report before retiring as Emeritus Grand Inspector, ad vitam, and submits the following:

In looking over my records I discover that only two councils have been rated "poor" in the work; and that only three were rated "excellent," Fort Wayne Council No. 4 being one of these. A council given this rating may be considered to have been about as near perfection as it is possible for a council to attain. The other councils were given rating between these two extremes, some "fair," some "very fair" and some "good." It is to be deplored that so many councils are unable to deserve a more satisfactory rating than "fair," which is only a little better than "poor." The council degrees are so beautiful instructive and sublime it is unfortunate they cannot always be given in a manner that will thoroughly impress the candidate, and give him a true conception of their beauty. I am glad the Grand Master has arranged to have the work put on this afternoon by the officers of South Bend Council No. 82. If they give it in the excellent manner in which it was given at the inspection of the council, I am sure it will delight all who witness it, and be an incentive to many of the representatives to this Grand Council to re-

turn to their respective councils with a determination to attain equal proficiency in the work. I trust all present will avail themselves of the opportunity of witnessing this work.

It is truly lamentable that so few a number of our councils have provided themselves with the equipment necessary for the proper presentation of the degrees. I was glad to observe that the committee on ritual of the General Grand Council had inserted, in the late edition of the ritual, a couple of pages setting out the aprons, dress and paraphernalia a council must have, and stating further "that any council that cannot avail itself of this equipment has no plausible reason for existing."

He reports that Indianapolis Council has reached a membership of 3,300, having the distinction of being the largest council in the world. He joins with many others in the belief that the S. E. M. degree as now being conferred is one of the greatest factors in creating an interest in the Cryptic Rite.

The usual Annual Dinner was indulged in, followed by a musical program and closed with the presentation of 33d degree jewel to Fred H. Pocock.

The Committee on Claims made provision for the payment of 10c per mile one way and four days attendance at General Grand Council. Office furniture and equipment were ordered purchased for the Grand Recorder. The Grand Council to share one-third the expense with the Grand Chapter. The salary of the Grand Recorder was placed at \$1,200 to include stenographer and office rent. This is for 16,000 members. Michigan has over 14,000.

The Annual Review is again the handiwork of Henry Mordhurst, who for many years has performed that arduous labor for his jurisdiction, and that laborer is worthy of his hire. They attest by paying him the sum of \$200. Michigan for 1921 is fraternally reviewed. He accuses us of trying the California plan of "booming" the American Rite because we sent representatives to the meeting at Grand Rapids. He says:

Possibly it is all right—this soliciting business, but it does seem that it is being overdone.

It originated by members of the Scottish Rite, who, in their mad desire to make a showing so as to be in line to receive the 33d degree, proselyte so outrageously that even Entered Apprentices are not safe. It really has become a Masonic scandal and it is a question with this writer, if following in the footsteps of another branch of the fraternity whose ceremonies are so foreign to the simple and dignified ritual of the ancient craft is not a serious mistake.

He rather criticizes former Grand Lecturer Hale for his comments on the Super Excellent degree as conferred by Battle Creek, and says:

This "highly refined" business, if permitted to spread, will soon degenerate into license. You watch and see.

I fully agree.

CHARLES C. THOMAS, Grand Master, Marion.

ROBERT A. WOODS, Grand Recorder, Princeton.

IOWA, 1921.

Twenty-second Annual

MUSCATINE

October 11

ANDREW HANNA CONN, Grand Master.

Distinguished visitors were received and welcomed in the persons of Amos N. Alberson, Grand Master of Grand Lodge; C. C. Schrader, Grand High Priest of Grand Chapter, and George D. Wybrant, Grand Commander of Grand Commandery K. T., also Frederick W. Craig, recently retired General Grand High Priest.

Companion Irvine was present to represent Michigan. The Grand Master delivered an eloquent address full of good things. He finds the order never in better condition and says:

How our forebears could have overlooked the wondrous beauty of these sublime and inspiring degrees, gone farther and fared worse, passes our understanding.

It has been an age old dream among Cryptic Masons, that when the Grand Encampment should make the degrees of Royal Master, Select Master and Super-Excellent Master a pre-requisite to the Orders of Malta and the Temple; that the millennium will have come.

There was a time when such sentiments might have been considered worthy and commendable but that day has gone by.

We are no longer a helpless dependent, no longer a struggling, sprawling infant who can climb only by the strength of another, but we stand in the full vigor and power of manhood, challenging the world to show purer, truer, nobler or loftier Masonry and demand to take our rightful place among the great Masonic Orders of the world.

Noting that they have 27 properly functioning councils showing splendid growth, he states:

It has been a custom among Grand Masters to devote a considerable space in their addresses to weak councils.

I am proud to say we have none such, and I do not think they should be tolerated.

A consistent, persistent whipping up by the Grand Master and the Grand Custodian is almost an absolute specific.

In the future, blame your Grand Masters if you have laggard or inactive Councils.

He also suggests that "for the future welfare of any council it should remove any careless, indolent Recorder and elect a good, live, efficient one in his stead." He also counsels frequent or regular monthly assemblies.

He reports the formation of five new councils which indicates a healthy condition. Under head of visitations he says:

After a year of experience, I am more and more convinced that the visits of the Grand Master exert a wonderful influence for good; not through any merits of the companion who may then occupy that exalted office, but from the fact that we are all a little vain, we all like attention and especially from those in highest authority.

I firmly believe, that if the Grand Master and the Grand Custodian should visit each and every council every year, giving to them all the help and encouragement that they could, weak councils would

be unknown and such a thing as revoking or taking up a charter would be unheard of.

He made many and some peculiar recommendations, among them increase fees to from \$15 to \$25; obligatory to confer all three degrees at least once each year; that councils meet on separate nights from any other body; a system of transfer and permission to join in forming new councils like Michigan; increase in mileage and per diem and the increase in salary of Grand Recorder to \$500. The latter is about all that got by the Jurisprudence Committee, and this is not so bad for a jurisdiction of 27 councils with 5,647 members. Congratulations "Dave."

The Committee on Councils notes an increase of 124% greater than last year; recommends greater efficiency in collection of dues on the part of Recorders.

The Committee of Jurisprudence commenting on recommendations of the Grand Master said:

The Grand Master desires that the law be made to require every council in the state to work all three degrees, in full form, at least once each calendar year, unless the Grand Master for good and sufficient reason may see fit to excuse them in writing. In the opinion of your committee such law would not be just or advisable. Cryptic Masonry includes the two degrees of Royal Master and Select Master as the very name of the organization indicates. The Super-Excellent Master degree has no connection with ancient craft Masonry and strictly speaking is not one of the council degrees. It has been added, however, as a sort of appendix, teaches valuable lessons and attracts. The large number of companions required to successfully and attractively work the degree practically precludes its requirement in the smaller councils and if forced upon them would likely lead to their dissolution.

In the larger places with large councils, it would be desirable for the council to have its stated assembly upon a night of its own were it possible to do so. In smaller bodies it is doubtful whether it would be desirable. It is through close association with the chapters from whom they draw their life that the councils have gained prosperity. Meeting upon the same night for stated convocations and stated assemblies with many of the same companions in the official stations has brought a community of interests that adds life and strength to each. No change in the law is recommended.

The Super Excellent degree was conferred in the evening by Webb Council No. 18 of Muscatine, on a large class of candidates.

Companion E. M. Willard writes the Review, and gives Michigan for 1921 over a page of his space, quoting from the report of Grand Recorder, and also Report on Correspondence.

ARTHUR D. MEEKER, Marshalltown, Grand Master.

DAVID M. BROWNLEE, Sioux City, Grand Recorder

KANSAS, 1921

Fifty-third Annual

WICHITA

February 14.

BEN S. PAULEN, Grand Master.

Grand Representatives were extended a cordial welcome which Michigan shared through Thomas G. Fitch. There was an attendance of 74 from 14 councils.

The Grand Master reported he "had hoped to do much more to advance Cryptic Masonry." He states that Masons should appreciate the responsibility which rests upon them as men and Masons, and continuing truly says:

We are the only institution of any consequence in the world where civilized men can meet on common ground. We have but one dogma. Those who desire to become one of us must profess a belief in GOD; they must be men in the fullest and broadest sense, living charitably and acting honorably.

For the first time in years their official circle was broken by death of Companion Robert T. Payne, Grand Marshal, who met his death under the "American Jugernaut," the modern automobile.

The Grand Master invited Wichita Council No. 2 to exemplify the degrees before the Grand Council and the mem-

bers undoubtedly enjoyed a treat. He made three official visits. He reported the serious illness of Grand Recorder Wilson, but that he was then rapidly recovering and Companion Albert A. Sharp acted as supply.

The Grand Recorder apologizes in his report for delay in proceedings as they were done by "a new printer" and labor trouble interfered. He reports a referendum vote of councils on raising the fee from \$10 to \$20 as nine in favor and seven against. The net gain in membership is 1,413, total 4,416.

A telegram of regrets and notice that he was re-elected was sent to the sick Grand Recorder which no doubt made him feel much better. He is author of the Report on Correspondence. He states that he refrains from criticism except where the writer is "well known to him" and then proceeds to jump on this writer, stating the proceedings of Michigan for 1920 were not legal as he fails to find that the Grand Council was opened, that their Grand Representative, Walter H. (not "A") French was absent, but that we had a lot of visitors. Regarding our little booklet he has this to say:

He reports that 5,000 copies of a booklet dealing with the fundamentals of Cryptic Masonry were printed and we presume distributed among the Royal Arch Masons of their jurisdiction. We know that Kansas was honored with a number of copies of this booklet and it afforded the writer of this report a great deal of pleasure to present each companion with one at the Convocation of our Grand Chapter last March, and he also furnished the members of the Grand Council with a copy. This booklet was prepared by our friend and companion Charles A. Conover.

I heartily respond "Amen" to his comments on the Transfer of Membership matter where he says:

The Grand Master recommends that the method of transfer of membership now used in the Grand Chapter of Michigan, be adopted in the Grand Council. To this we can only say that this recommendation is conducive of one thing only and that is the breeding of a big "scab" on their nose. Better not do it, companions, as we have tried

it out and know it is a snare and delusion and only tends to place your records where they will forever remain imperfect.

JAY B. KIRK, Iola, Grand Master.

ALBERT K. WILSON, Topeka, Grand Recorder.

KENTUCKY, 1921

Ninety-fourth

LOUISVILLE
S. S. PINNEY, Grand Master

October 17

Portraits of "old and new" Grand Masters are shown. The Grand Master reports a year of unprecedented and remarkable growth. Continuing he says:

I find that the Grand Council of today is of more importance to the citizenship of the State and country than it has ever been before. It is being recognized more and more every year as a serious integral part of the Masonic history. The more we contemplate the growth of this Rite, the more we are encouraged to understand the splendid spirit which must naturally come to those Masons who seek more light in the mysteries of the Great Order, such light being obtained through the degrees which we teach and promulgate.

A few years ago we were trying to make the Cryptic degrees pre-requisite to the Commandery work, but the growth of the Order, as shown year by year, indicates that the other Masonic branches will need us just as much as we need them. In fact, so large has the Grand Council of Kentucky become, that it is looked upon as a wonderfully progressive body, full of the spirit of real Masonry, and attractive to every student of the science.

He deputized the constitution of three new councils, but I am sure the Companions would much rather have seen and entertained the Grand Master and his staff. He went one better than his predecessor and granted dispensations for four councils U. D. He attended General Grand Council at Asheville, and greatly enjoyed it.

Portraits also face the reports of Grand Treasurer Frank Johnson and Grand Recorder Judge Holland. The

latter reports a gain of 832 members and a membership of 4,166. I am sure this is correct for it comes from the proceedings. They have a habit of fining the delinquent councils and then remitting the fine. We have all heard of the indulgent parents who threaten to whip the naughty children "next time." We have also observed what kind of kids they turn out to be—but I don't suppose we could pick a quarrel with Judge Holland "no how," so will try Will Clarke, Committee on "Doings of Grand Councils." He gives Michigan just exactly a page. He opines that Grand Master Lee may have "found the solution to the apathy that exists in many quarters" in requiring the new Super Excellent to be worked in long form.

Nope! No quarrel here:

Briefly, but interestingly, and with sufficient copiousness, he reviews Kentucky, and we are gratified that he agrees with us in the matter of so modifying the law as to make the wholesale issuance of dispensations authorizing councils to ballot out of time, unnecessary.

J. L. POWELL, Lebanon, Grand Master.

G. ALLISON HOLLAND, Lexington, Grand Recorder.

LOUISIANA, 1921

Sixty-sixth Annual

NEW ORLEANS

February 15

H. K. BROUSE, Grand Master

With nine councils and a constitutional quorum the Grand Master "declared the Grand Council open for business," and proceeded to read his address. On advice of his physician he had to forego his cherished ambition to visit every council.

When one has passed more than eighty years of pilgrimage and met with mishaps on the way, he is not greatly to be depended on for

active work. This, in explanation of any lack of service on my part, owing to circumstances beyond my control.

This inability on my part, however, has been in great measure compensated through the kindness and the labors of Past Grand Master Grimm, with other Illustrious Companions, in doing the work in which I had hoped and expected to have part, while at all times, when needed, I have had the helpful counsel and assistance of Grand Recorder Davilla.

He accepted the resignation of that veteran correspondent, Herman C. Duncan, and appointed him "Chairman Emeritus," but before the year was out he had found entrance to the place of wages, refreshment and rest. He will be greatly missed by the members of the Round Table.

The Grand Master granted dispensation for two new councils, and he credits much of the gains to the work in these new councils. Good Work! On the subject of pre-requisition he says:

Whatever may be said for or against recognition of the Council of Royal and Select Masters, by the Grand Encampment, Knights Templar, the fact remains for us, as it has for the council since its organization as a distinct, legally-constituted, working Masonic body for the purpose of conferring the Cryptic degrees, that, so far as that recognition is concerned, we must continue to stand alone. This can and I have no doubt will be done. For the council, by its thus being a distinct, legally-constituted, working Masonic body, for a definite purpose; by the wonderful results it has accomplished; and by the grand work it is doing, has proven its right to existence and continuance. I trust that the time will come, when it will be the exception and not the rule, for Royal Arch Masons to pass by the council, or to use the chapter, chiefly as a stepping stone direct to the commandery.

Grand Recorder Davilla reports a gain of 279 and a membership of 1,150, and most all councils show a creditable activity. The salary of the Grand Recorder will about pay his auto tax, and the Grand Master's jewel is less than that.

The annual review is by Grand Recorder Davilla whom I recently had the pleasure of meeting in his own "sanctum." He quotes from Grand Master Scadden's address and then adds:

Judging from the number of visitations made by the Grand Master we must certainly credit him with being a man who does things. He presented a strong address as a whole and gave account of his stewardship.

Yes, he is now "doing things as Grand Lecturer, and we have just given him a second trial to see if his wind holds out for the second lap and whether he can continue to 'hit on all twelve cylinders'."

WILLIAM A. BRIANT, New Orleans, Grand Master.

JOHN A. DAVILLA, New Orleans, Grand Recorder.

MAINE, 1921

Sixty-seventh Annual

PORTLAND

May 4

FRED C. CHALMERS, Deputy Grand Master

The frontispiece portrait of Grand Master William N. Howe has a wide black rule around it indicating his death while in office. Companions Webster and Keith of Massachusetts were welcomed as distinguished visitors.

The Acting Grand Master reports most councils have partaken of the general prosperity and comments thus:

The increasing number of councils omitting the undignified and unmasonic method of former years is a matter of congratulation. I have as yet failed to find a council that has broken away from the old ideas but that the membership has been pleased at the change, and I know that the candidate who is received in a courteous and dignified manner cannot help but be more deeply impressed by the beauty of the Cryptic degrees.

He called attention to the General Grand Council to meet in Asheville and asked for an appropriation. He got it and they "brought home the bacon" for they will have the fun, labor and expense of entertaining the next Triennial and we will all try to make these as big as possible.

The Grand Treasurer has a balance of \$3,699.68 and

the Grand Recorder reports an "unprecedented growth" of 886 and that the council membership is about one-half the chapter membership. Who, aside from the Texas plan states, can beat that? The Super Excellent seems to be necessary to membership in Maine same as in Michigan.

A per capita tax of five cents was levied upon the membership for the next three years to take care of the expense of entertaining the General Grand Council.

Companion Albro E. Chase made his last Report on Correspondence for official memorials have since announced his death and the pen has ceased to write. Having known this writer for a number of years, the announcement comes with the deepest regret. Maine has lost an active and honored worker in all the Rites. He was an active member of the Supreme Council of the Scottish Rite of the Northern Jurisdiction. His review of Michigan for 1920 is generous and fraternal. He had this to say of our live wire Grand Master.

The annual address of M. Ill. Grand Master Frank Scadden, shows him to be a typical "live wire" in Western Masonry. With the beginning of his term he adopted the slogan "One Thousand New Ones this Year," and set at work to accomplish the result. Not only was this done but the goal was passed and over thirteen hundred "new ones" were added, with a net of two past his thousand. To accomplish this he issued three special circular letters and had 5,000 booklets distributed among the chapter members. Even seven councils "on probation" because of past inactivity were so much aroused that four report having had work. In one of his letters he said: "There are hundreds of candidates just waiting to be asked to come into the fold and have the beauties of the Cryptic Rite exemplified to them," and apparently he knew what he was saying. He personally visited and assisted in the work in twenty-three councils.

CHARLES B. DAVIS, Portland, Grand Recorder.

FRED C. CHALMERS, Bangor, Grand Master.

MASSACHUSETTS, 1921

Ninety-fourth Annual

BOSTON

December 6

WALLACE C. KEITH, Grand Master.

A fine steel portrait of Grand Master Keith graces the proceedings.

A special assembly was held for the purpose of constituting Marlborough Council, and another at Holyoke to exemplify the degrees under the Grand Lecturer.

After opening the annual the Grand Master announced the presence of the M. P. General Grand Master of the General Grand Council, George A. Newell, and under the escort of a special committee he was received with the Grand Honors and conducted to the East, where he expressed his pleasure at being present.

The pending amendment changing the charter fee from \$30.00 to \$75.00 was then unanimously adopted.

The Grand Recorder reported a period of unprecedented prosperity which netted a gain of 1,084 with a total of 11,956 members. Massachusetts will have to go some at that rate to get in sight of Michigan. They have a nice bank balance of some \$8,000. A steel engraved portrait accompanies a Memorial to William H. C. Odell, P. G. M. and General Grand Marshal of U. S. A.

The address of the Grand Master comes after reports of the other officers. He felt something should be done to stimulate interest in the west portion of the state, so granted concurrent jurisdiction to several councils. Thus does the idea and aim of larger jurisdictions gain ground. Eventually we will have state wide jurisdiction in bodies above the lodge. The several councils were divided among the Grand Officers for visitation and all received visits but one. The Grand Master made eighteen. A long list of special dispensations is given. It is the custom in that state to give the office of Grand Master to an incumbent for three years and rotation in office is not the practice.

Many distinguished visitors were present and accorded

honors. The session closed with a banquet where the new Grand Master was called to assume his duties.

The splendid "Report on Fraternal Correspondence" is the sixth effort of Edwin S. Crandon and reflects much credit upon that writer. He reviews Michigan for 1920 in over three pages. He quotes from Grand Master Scadden and then says: "It was a grand year's work by a truly Grand Master." Now, Frank, I guess that will hold you for a while. But here is one little touch of criticism:

He declined to send a representative of the Grand Council of Michigan to the annual meeting of the George Washington Memorial Association at Alexandria, Va., because he found no precedent. It seems to us that Grand Masters sometimes have the privilege of making precedents—this one certainly did in the matter of vitalizing the work of his Grand Jurisdiction.

He quotes this writer's notation that year comparing memberships of the two states and our threat to "Jump over Massachusetts into the King row." Well, Ed, Michigan has jumped to the tune of over 14,000. How do you like the looks of our coat tails?

His conclusion is so good I quote parts of it here. First regarding Ohio and Texas.

Ohio has made its place at the head secure, greeting in the calendar year 1919 nearly 4,000 candidates, or 1,400 more than Texas in the same period, with a sixteen per cent gain in membership, to nearly 28,000, or 2,700 ahead of the Lone Star Jurisdiction. Ohio has no official "plan," such as that of Texas, the latter making the candidate apply for chapter and council together, so that the two Rites, as far as amount of work is concerned, are on an even basis, with a council in every town where there is a chapter. But without a definite "plan", or arrangement with the chapter, Ohio keeps on in the lead, increasingly, and its "method" may be worthy of imitation—it certainly is doing wonderfully well in extending the work and usefulness of Cryptic Masonry.

He figures forty Grand Councils made a net increase of 13,861 or 8.14 percent but that was just preceding the biggest rush.

He had this to say regarding Grand Representatives

which system our Grand Chapter has just adopted after going 74 years without it.

It is an honor conferred upon prominent members of the Rite, received by nomination from the Most Illustrious Grand Master to his coadjutors in the other jurisdictions, the latter issuing commissions. The Grand Representative is supposed to keep the Grand Council whose commission he bears in touch with any matters of interest developing in his own Grand Council. Some of them do this—not many. It is an honor the bearing of which is largely nominal, yet it is a custom that we would be very sorry to lose; it develops fraternal spirit, now and then, on occasions of interchange of visits, and we know of instances where, as in the cases of companions appointed to represent Grand Councils in the States of their birth or former residence, it is a highly prized possession; in others, friendships have resulted and correspondence has been maintained for years. The usefulness of the Grand Representatives to the Rite well may be broadened, and I hope that the next meeting of the Round Table, at the Triennial Assembly of the General Grand Council, may take up the matter and that we may get suggestions in ensuing correspondence reports.

He has statisticalized the attendance of these “Ambassadors” and finds it to average twenty-one, just half the full corps.

DEAN K. WEBSTER, Lawrence, Grand Master.

FREDERICK T. COMEE, Boston, Grand Recorder.

MINNESOTA, 1921

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ST. PAUL

October 10

CHARLES P. MONTGOMERY, Grand Master

A very tasty pamphlet contains the information on the annual doings. The Grand Master delights over the fact that the annual gain was nearly as much as the preceding four years combined. He reports three deaths in the official family, Grand Treasurer, Grand Sentinel and Past

Grand Master. He comments thus on the condition of the Rite:

As we all know Masonry, in its various branches, has made great strides during the last two years. And with this unusual activity and enthusiasm, Cryptic Masonry has begun to be recognized as almost a necessary adjunct and to receive its share of attention. And why shouldn't it? These degrees truly furnish the Keystone which binds together the Symbolic Arch of Ancient Craft Masonry.

But he follows this with a contradiction in which he laments that the Order of K. T. "still fails to make the possession of these degrees a prerequisite," and that this "has served to keep the Cryptic Rite in the background and retarded its growth." Well now has it retarded its growth? It has grown as never before, without paternalism, until in several jurisdictions it equals or exceeds the entire membership of Grand Commanderies. How then is the Commandery holding it back? The membership is all volatile and not passive.

The subject of dormant councils next receives his attention:

The question is, what can we do to help arouse interest in these dormant councils. If it is due to their being located where there are commanderies and that the officers are working in too many bodies, then shall we move them to more favorable locations? Possibly this Grand Council would do well to appropriate funds to send some live council team to these places to exemplify the work and stimulate interest. But I honestly believe the fault lies in the officers, especially the Master. Given a good live Master backed up with good support from the other officers, I believe every council should prosper. No Mason should ever accept an office if he is not willing to devote a portion of his time, so that he might have something to show for the good of his council at the end of his term. The time is ripe now for councils to go out to procure candidates in other places.

He gives the figures of 2,134 council members against 12,085 Royal Archers. For Minnesota this is certainly a bad showing, being only 18% whereas the average over the country is around 33%. Make your Super Excellent obli-

gatory and allow councils to visit any lodge room in its jurisdiction, and then see it grow.

He visited all but three councils, and was not invited there. Those are the ones to which he should have invited himself and learn where the trouble was that they did not hold meetings.

John Fishel, Grand Recorder, produces his fifteenth report for inspection. It shows net gain of 571, and 2,661 members. These do not jibe with those of the Grand Master.

The Jurisprudence Committee approved the dispensation of the Grand Master "in view of the fact that these dispensations seem to have become a general custom in all jurisdictions." Another argument for making it law instead of exception.

Charlie Shurman furnishes the "Fraternal Correspondence." In his "Foreword," he tells us there is more than usual prosperity and expanded treasuries. He asks "what is our Grand Council doing of a practical nature like this?" after telling of educational moves in some other states. He has the sincerest sympathies of all members of the Round Table in the difficulties and severe trials through which he has passed and wonder is he could produce a report after reading this:

We never have been very much stuck on our reports. They have never fully satisfied us, or met our own expectations. We have been surprised at the kindly reception they have received both at the hands of our own companions, and also our brothers at the Round Table. In the preparation of this report we have been particularly handicapped. Most of it has been written at the bedside of a sick wife. The work has been done in snatches of time when we were not ministering to her wants, and amid the anxiety caused by the conviction that it was her last illness, and that the inexorable hand of time was ticking off the minutes that were to be spared to us together on this mundane sphere. After it was finished we laid her to rest. With this explanation we submit what we have been able to find in the several proceedings.

Charlie we hold your hands in ours in perfect silence,

unable to find words to express our heart throbs of sympathy.

Michigan for 1921 is fraternally reviewed. He is at a loss to understand what Grand Master Lee "pins his faith to" when he reports his belief that "in a few short years requests for dispensations will be few", when he found it necessary to grant a "larger number than usual," himself.

SIGURD A. RHODE, Duluth, Grand Master.

JOHN FISHEL, St. Paul, Grand Recorder.

MISSISSIPPI, 1921

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JACKSON

February 23

EMMET N. THOMAS, Grand Master

The Deputy Grand Master is our Michigan Grand Representative and has made a good record of attendance while in the line. His biography shows him to be 71 years old, an all round Mason and a minister of the Methodist church. His picture shows him wearing a stern expression, but a twinkle in the eye, a cross stickpin and a Shrine emblem. Now I leave you to judge. I believe he's a "good fellow."

Twelve councils not represented.

The Grand Master says: "The service has not been strenuous or exacting, rather a labor of love." He issued dispensations for two councils. In the light of the coming loss of their Grand Recorder McKay—this beautiful tribute is very touching. He did not survive the year.

In the discharge of my official duties as Chancellor, I have dealings with a number of officers. I think I know in its extreme meaning the true definition of efficiency. Our Grand Recorder measures up in every detail to the best meaning of the word. I assert, without fear of successful contradiction, there is not any one in any department of service more efficient than he and I realize a lasting debt of gratitude to him.

He is not afraid to give praise and appreciation where due and is deeply appreciative of the Grand Lecturer's work and sacrifices.

His work is perfect. He not only gives to the lecture the real and truest interpretation, but after the work is completed, he delivers an address which sustains in every particular the best standard of literary excellence, and is of inestimable benefit to the companions individually and to the council. The work he is doing cannot be estimated in dollars and cents.

In closing his splendid address he quotes from a bulletin of the Masonic Service Association as follows:

"Freemasonry has but one dogma. Its tenets and professions teach a system of morality, but as far as religious belief is concerned, it asks but one thing of anybody, and that is belief in God. The combination of letters with which the name of Deity is spelled is not material. It may be spelled as the Frenchman spells it, or the German or the Italian or the Hindu, but belief in a Supreme Being is essential. This is Freemasonry's only dogma "

But I do insist that the combination of letters with which the American Mason's name of Deity is spelled is not only material, but is absolutely obligatory, if he be a Mason in truth as well as in name. This combination is "FATHER."

And adding to that his own words deeply expressive of sense of service which attach to every obligation assumed by a Mason:

"As a York Rite Mason, I do insist, if we would be of real service to humanity, if we would convert our neighbor to nobler, sublimer purposes and to right idealism, we must have resort to the means of considerable appeal, of kindly thoughtfulness and proper conduct, rather than to abuse, denunciation and villification. It should be our mission to lift the cloud of ignorance and prejudice which may engulf the mental vision of those who may not agree with us, or who would combat Masonry, so that they, seeing our good purposes, may glorify Our Father, rather than to denounce those who may differ from us, because of improper and unreasonable prejudice, created by an environment for which they may not be responsible. We should recall the truth—very few of us are the architects of our own fortunes. On the contrary, we unfortunately are more or less the creatures of circumstance and environment; that these are unhappily too often the effective forces which control and direct our moral and mental vision."

This resolution sounds good but constant and annual disregard makes it "piffle." If you don't mean it, don't say it:

Whereas, There are several Councils charged with penalties on account of failure to send in Returns and pay dues within the time limit required by the Grand Council; be it

Resolved, That all penalties assessed for the year 1920 be remitted and all councils put on notice that the law regarding enforcement of penalties will be strictly enforced in the future.

The Grand Recorder reported all returns received which showed a net gain of 315 with a membership of 3,185. Inasmuch as this body with others lost a part of its effects in the Masonic Home fire he recommends steel, fireproof cases and safes.

The Grand Lecturer reports that his work has been most enjoyable; that he has visited every council but one. Yet one wonders why a Grand Lecturer, if the conditions exist as he here reports.

I have greeted four hundred and eighty-five companions, the largest class consisting of forty-four at Hattiesburg. There are but few councils in the state that attempt to confer the degrees, except when the Grand Lecturer is with them. I have done all I could to organize working teams in each council and I sincerely hope that the effort will be productive of results in at least some of them. I find that in the smaller towns there is great difficulty in creating any effort to have such teams, because usually the ritualistic work of the Lodge, Chapter, Council, and sometimes of the Commandery is done by the same companions, so that by the time they have conferred the first seven degrees, they have done all they want to do or have time to do.

Less than ten per cent of our Mississippi Masons take any part in our ritualistic work. That is to me a surprisingly small number, and the effect of it, when the membership is small where all the Masonic Bodies exist, to put too much work on the willing workers. For this reason, the leading interested Masons in every locality ought to exercise themselves constantly to make sure that every possible ritualist is developed as he goes through the degrees. I have urged the companions to see to it that every candidate is tried out in some position—thoroughly tried out—in order that all who can do the work are found

and utilized. Such a plan if carefully and persistently carried out, would produce excellent results in all the Bodies, but nowhere so greatly as in the council.

A partial resolution of conditions is revealed in his statement that "The equipment of the required paraphernalia is practically nil." This is deplorable and no wonder they lack initiative. He is convinced that they are giving the degrees too cheap and that explains another point. Five dollars is not enough for one degree, much less three. Michigan is now asking \$15.00 and other states going to \$20.00, \$25 and \$30. Mississippi raised theirs to \$10.00, \$3.00 to go to Grand Council. They pay their Grand Lecturer \$600 salary and expenses, for 26 councils; Grand Recorder \$500, clerk hire \$180; Grand Treasurer \$50.

There is no report on correspondence.

JOSEPH J. BROOKS, Dublin, Grand Master.

EDWARD L. FAUCETTE, Meridian, Grand Recorder.

MISSOURI, 1921

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SEDALIA

April 25

LOUIS MOLLER, Grand Master.

Well! Well! Here comes good old Missouri, the land of mules, mud and Masters of Masonic hospitality to "Michiganders."

Here is what the proceedings disclose:

The Grand Marshal reported the presence of distinguished visitors in the ante-room, whereupon the Grand Master directed the Grand Conductor of the Council to retire with a Committee of Past Grand Masters and introduce the visiting Companions.

Returning, the committee introduced M. E. Companion George W. Leedle, Past Grand High Priest and present Grand Lecturer, accompanied by E. Companion Harry L. Izor, Grand Master of the Third Veil, both of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State

of Michigan. Cordial greetings were extended and they were invited to be seated in the East.

Again retiring, the committee returned introducing E. Companion Charles A. Conover, Grand Recorder of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of the State of Michigan, Grand Secretary of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of Michigan and General Grand Secretary of the General Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, U. S. A. He was given a hearty greeting and invited to join the Illustrious Companions seated in the East.

This committee also found Grand High Priest Powers of the Grand Chapter, Companion Bert S. Lee, General Grand Captain of Guard, and best of all R. E. Companion William F. Kuhn, Deputy General Grand High Priest. Well, after the formalities were over we all had a splendid time together and voted Missourians as princes of entertainers. The trouble is we were spoiled and will want to go every year hereafter.

The Grand Master visited every council, seventeen, and on most of the visits he was accompanied by one or more of the Grand Officers. He rendered the following decision:

"While our laws are silent as to what qualifications are necessary to attain the rank of Past Illustrious Master, it is my opinion that at least two essentials are necessary. First, election, and second installation. Further the Deputy Master, by assuming the duties and prerogatives of Illustrious Master, is still Deputy Master; he having been elected and installed as such, but while acting as Illustrious Master, the station of Deputy Master may be filled pro tempore at each assembly by the acting Illustrious Master."

He recommended additions annually to the Grand Council Masonic Home Endowment Fund until it equaled at least one dollar per member. The Committee on Division and Reference recommended that the \$5,000 invested in Liberty Bonds be set aside for that purpose but after much discussion it was cut to \$2,000.

Grand Lecturer Daniels makes a good report of the new councils.

That these new councils are well qualified to take leading part in the Cryptic affairs of this State, the following statements will show:—

That in the official line are many Past Officers of blue lodge, and chapter, and also active workers in the commandery; that Trenton Council U. D., had a large charter membership, experienced in council work; that the officers of Westport Council, U. D., with one exception, were unacquainted with the ritual; yet within thirty days after receiving their dispensation, they had mastered the degree work. conferred the Royal and Select Master degrees twice, and the Super Excellent Masters degree once and with none but their own members filling all stations. The Deputy Grand Master and the Grand Lecturer were present and complimented the council on what they had accomplished.

Only one council conferred no degrees the past year.

Three councils have a membership in excess of 1,000 and one is very closely approaching that number.

The Grand Recorder was directed to recall all old rituals and supply copies of the new edition of the General Grand Council rituals, and a penalty of \$5.00 is to be levied for each ritual lost.

The sum of \$400 was appropriated as a special increase of the triennial fund, and \$2,000 worth of bonds were donated to the Masonic Home Endowment Fund. The following record is found in the proceedings:

Following the reception for the ambassadors, opportunity was given to the distinguished visitors from Michigan whose speech-making had been held in abeyance at the original introduction.

Illustrious Companions Conover, Leedle and Izor each in turn responded to the invitations with remarks that had appreciation and received merited applause.

Grand Recorder Stevenson presents his sixteenth report on "Fraternal Correspondence." Michigan for 1920 is given a very cordial review. He comments on Grand Master Scadden thus:

The artist succeeded in producing a fine picture of the Grand Master and, coupled with the biographical sketch, indicates one of Nature's noblemen, commanding recognition by force of character demonstration.

And further regarding the methods used by this Grand Master.

Noting the great number of apparently dead councils, he opened a campaign of resurrection or funerals, at the same time stimulating all by the bulletin method and backed the effort by assignment visitation. The slogan was "One Thousand Candidates," and they went "over the top." The bulletins were pungent, full of piper nigrum and sharp sprinkling of capsicum and where assimilated produced digestion almost abnormal.

He thinks this verifies his judgment of the portrait presentation.

JAMES PRICE, Kansas City, Grand Master.

ROBERT F. STEVENSON, St. Louis, Grand Recorder.

NEBRASKA, 1921

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OMAHA

December 14.

CARROLL D. EVANS, Grand Master.

A steel engraving of the retiring Grand Master appears as a frontispiece. It was a coincidence that I should be reading these proceedings while crossing that state on my way west, and thus have an opportunity of observing the apparent prosperity of its commonwealth at large as well as its Masonic progress from the printed pages.

The Grand Master presented a very interesting address. He opens it thus:

Gathered here in one bond of companionship, men of choice and Select Masters, we should exert our utmost endeavors to practice here, as well as elsewhere, those wonderful and exalted tenets of our science, Secrecy and Silence; let these principles always be among us, let us exemplify them in our daily lives, in all of our associations, and especially in our dealings with all mankind. These two virtues should be our rule, and we should observe them strictly at all times. To be honorably secret and prudently silent is a gift to man from God, and more especially a gift to every member of our Cryptic Rite in Masonry that should never be lost sight of.

When we are truly in possession of these beautiful sentiments and

exalted virtues, we can grasp a companion's hand in the fullness of fraternity; we can to his necessity and our ability help the needy and here as well as elsewhere, in our Masonic deliberations express our individual confidence in Him who rules us all, marks out our labors, defines our destinies. We all recognize in Him the fullness of His work as He promises to spread before us in the Celestial Lodge above, all of the joys and glories of His Eternal Sabbath.

He then reminds his companions that we are yet upon the heels of the great war which resulted in "terri'fic eruption of sentiment among all classes," and continues:

These conditions, my dear companions, are upon our doorstep. It must be for us as Royal and Select Masters and for all men to assuage, check, and banish from our sacred precincts and country, these terrible inroads upon the morals of our country, and to establish better government. We have this condition among us, and with His good help who has always led the right, with our endeavors and His good assistance, we can soon rid our country of these wrongs, and bring this land of ours to a normal and prosperous condition.

The Masonic Home is recommended as a proper cause for continued interest and contributions. His only recommendation was that the state be divided into nine arches and distributed among the Grand Officers for visitation and instruction which was adopted. For the production of further interest in this order he commends to his hearers the reading of the address of the Grand Master of Georgia.

Grand Recorder White propounds the question, "Would it not be better to have fewer councils and stronger ones?" He reports 3,130 members and a net gain of 466, not so bad.

John F. Kutz was there to see that Michigan got a square deal if a pow wow was held. He endeavored to have Michigan's law introduced into his state and thus help create the interest the Grand Recorder asked for, but his companions could not see the benefits of it as we do. It was to permit the Grand Master to grant dispensations for a council to go into any lodge room in its own jurisdiction to con-

fer the degrees. Now for the life of me, I fail to see where that will injure the Rite.

Grand Recorder White made the report on his visit to General Grand Council as proxy of Grand Master. He found a preponderance of sentiment against pre-requisition and seemed favorably impressed with the ritualistic work put on by Missouri.

No Report on Correspondence.

FREDERICK W. TYLER, Lincoln, M. I. Grand Master.

FRANCIS E. WHITE, Omaha, Grand Recorder.

NEW HAMPSHIRE, 1921

Sixtieth Annual

CONCORD

May 16

CHARLES G. ADAMS, M. I. Grand Master.

The Grand Master reports that "Cryptic Masonry as well as all other branches has grown with leaps and bounds", and they have made a net gain of 333 or nearly twice that of the previous year. Good news. Keep it up. He refused to grant dispensations to receive and ballot in less than the constitutional time. He constituted a new council at Tipton, and visited the George Washington Memorial Association, and was pleased to learn that New Hampshire had subscribed 100% of its quota and was the first state in the Union to do this. Good work. New England is always loyal to the memory of our Patriots. He recommended an appropriation for the expenses of their representative to General Grand Council.

The report of the Grand Recorder shows 16 councils with a membership of 3,280 and a net gain of 333.

Grand Recorder Cheney is the master hand behind the Report on Correspondence, and announces this to be "No. 9 in the series." He expresses the hope that his readers will

find something to "compensate for the time devoted to its reading." How about the time devoted to its preparation? He gives Michigan for 1920 a fraternal review and notes our slogan of "one thousand candidates," and when he found a net gain of 1,002 he thought that the two ought to have waited another year to have the figures come out just even. Well, Harry, we like to go one or two better every time. Referring to the educational pamphlets issued he says: "These men are working for themselves, instead of putting the labor on the Grand Encampment." Sure, I do not think we would get very far if we depended upon that body to make us grow. He thinks this scribe "swings along a bit faster, if anything, with no sign of weariness." Good thing you can't see me now.

WILLIAM D. CHANDLER, Concord, M. I. Grand Master.

HARRY M. CHENEY, Concord, Grand Recorder.

NEW JERSEY, 1921

Sixty-first Annual

Trenton

April 19

THOMAS F. BALLINGER, Grand Master

Michigan's Grand Representative, Companion Josiah S. Davidson, was present.

The Grand Master reports seven visitations to subordinate councils. He issued a decision that an installed officer could resign from office and request a demit, but upon more mature consideration, withdrew the decision and ordered the council to expunge the record.

The Grand Recorder discovered a council which reported as an officer a companion who was not a member of the council in that state, and expressed the opinion that the Master of a Council should know whether or not his appointed officers are members.

He reports a membership of 2,710, a net gain of 755, which represents a gain of 38.6%. This is a fine record, and all done by nine councils.

The Grand Recorder reports that he has reached the end of a first edition of the rituals, and recommends a new edition.

The Committee on Appeals and Grievances made the following report:

We deplore the fact that the Grand Recorder has found it necessary to bring to the attention of the Grand Council the neglect of the Recorder of Washington Council, No. 7, to give prompt attention to the correspondence of the Grand Council and we censure him for the improper performance of the duties of his office. We recommend that a copy of this censure be forwarded by the Grand Recorder to the Recorder of Washington Council No. 7, and that the same be spread in full upon the proceedings of the Grand Council and we would further recommend that the attention of the T. I. M., of Washington Council, No. 7, be called to the act of the censure of the Grand Council with the request that he so regulate the affairs of his council that further complaint on the part of the Grand Recorder be unnecessary.

We are wondering if this action will actually produce results.

The Grand Recorder was authorized to supply each council with two bound copies of the constitution and regulations, to be accounted for by the subordinate councils the same as the rituals.

Before proceeding to close, the new Grand Master gave a brief outline of his policy for the year, or, in other words, his inaugural address.

The Report on Correspondence is by Grand Recorder Putnam, and consists of a very brief mention of the proceedings of each state, Michigan being one of the big jurisdictions, draws half a page of space. He quotes from Grand Master Scadden's address and mentions our Cryptic Rite booklet. He says that Grand Lecturer Hale "has something to say to some of our New Jersey Councils, although he did not know it when he made it a part of his report."

The reference was to smaller councils working the Super Excellent degree.

WILLIAM B. THINES, Trenton, Grand Master.

HARRY AMES PUTNAM, Trenton, Grand Recorder.

NEW YORK, 1921

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NEW YORK CITY

August 22

HUGH H. KENDALL, Grand Master.

These proceedings contain the usual fine steel engraving of the Grand Master and colored illuminated program with a decoration at the head of the opening page, in the form of a broken triangle in the shape of a sunburst, printed in gold.

Michigan was represented by Companion William F. Seber.

New York City's welcome was delivered by the President of the Board of Aldermen, and among other things he said the following to which we add, Amen:

I know you will soon commence your labors. Of course, it is rather embarrassing for a simple Blue Lodge member to open an exalted assembly of this kind, but I trust some day this handicap will be removed. I do hope when you return to your own councils in other parts of the State that you will carry a message, coming from one perhaps who has had occasion to experience the strange conditions existing at the present time. The Masons in this State, in fact, in this country of ours, consist of the flower of manhood of the country, and yet, as I visit Lodge after Lodge, it occurs to me there is an enormously intellectual energy dormant. Should we not, after all, take a more active interest in matters and affairs that concern the Nation, the State and our own Cities? We should be the leaders in thought, in all civic and economic problems. Up to a few years ago any foreign question was under a ban in the Lodge Room. I visited Lodges in England, France, Italy, and I was surprised to see the interest those Lodges took in public matters. Also, while in the Diplomatic Service

of this Country, I had occasion to meet Masons and heard them discuss those various matters in which they took a deep interest. Yet, in the State of New York, at least in New York City, or until recently, we would meet in our Blue Lodges, go through the routine work and adjourn, without the least word in relation to these vital questions which are confronting us.

Now we have a little more latitude, and I have visited Lodges where public affairs were discussed. A Brother should have the privilege to come to his Lodge and there pour out his heart and tell his Brethren just what is confronting him and tell his Brethren what the conditions are. If the men in office knew they had the moral support of such an Institution, we could bring about reform quicker. I leave this thought with you.

The "allocution" of the Grand Master is quite lengthy as is customary in that jurisdiction, but contains matters mostly of interest to his jurisdiction. Here is one of his decisions:

The question is submitted: "Does the Master named in the charter duly granted by the Grand Council to a new Council, and such Council duly constituted, properly become at Past Ill. Master at the close of the fiscal year, a successor having at that time been elected?" In my opinion he does. The highest power has made him Master. That same power may remove or recall its charter. To deny the privilege of becoming Past Master would be a reflection upon the powers of the Grand Council in the absence of specific law that he must have been duly elected.

The case of a Master, named to act as such under Dispensation, would be the reverse. He would not become a Past Master if he retired at termination of such dispensation and is not named and created as such in the charter. The power of dispensation is limited to permission to act temporarily whereas a charter creates until a successor may be regularly elected.

He reminds his companions that New York is a member of the General Grand Council and has a high official representation therein, the present General Grand Master being one of their own.

Visits to other Grand Jurisdictions have caused the Grand Master to return imbued "with renewed interest and added knowledge, coupled with enthusiasm. The inter-

change of ideas and the fraternal mingling are ever helpful and aid materially in creating closer union."

He considers the report on Foreign Correspondence as particularly interesting and instructive, and tend to give a clearer vision of that usually little known factor—"The seeing of ourselves as others see us." He appreciates the labor devolving upon these companions who make such reports, and that they merit gratitude and appreciation of their arduous, faithful service.

He calls attention to centers of Masonic population where the Cryptic Rite does not exist in the state and where chapters are deprived of Cryptic privileges by reason of geographic isolation from existing councils. He makes the following recommendations.

That larger councils be formally asked to invite neighboring councils to associate with them in the conferring of the Super-Excellent degree, for the benefit of the Rite as a whole.

That neighboring councils be formally asked to combine their strength and confer the Super-Excellent degree in union assembly at least annually.

That the matter of making the Super-Excellent a required degree be taken under earnest consideration.

And he concludes with the following:

In institutions of learning, graduation is called commencement. The years consumed in absorbing enlightenment have but fitted for the beginning of service. We live a life, yet at its end have but learned how to live. So it is with the retiring Grand Master. The years of official relationships, with their accumulated experiences have but enriched and increased ability to serve. I retire from official responsibility in such spirit, and trust that I may be spared to serve on.

The Grand Recorder reports that all councils but one conferred degrees. They have 10,782 members, a net gain of 1,401. Total assets are \$10,000.

The Committee on Grand Master's Address makes the following comment:

His wonderful work is shown still more clearly by an examination of the original map of the State of New York on which he has marked

out the location of each Royal Arch Chapter and each existing Council of Royal and Select Masters, and then indicated where it would be advisable to start councils, where they would be sure of an ample number of Royal Arch Masons to draw members from. We trust that this map will not be discarded, but will be placed in the hands of a committee, preferably one on the Condition and Extension of the Rite, and not only kept up to date, but used to determine the advisability of granting Dispensations, and to afford means of permitting the committee to offer suggestions as to proper localities where councils might well be instituted.

Invitation for the next annual meeting, given by Bloss Council of Troy, was accepted.

The Grand Lecturer expresses his appreciation of the efforts to more generally put on the degree of Super Excellent Master.

Companion Ossian Lang, the noted historian of that state, reviews 41 proceedings and writes his findings thereon. Michigan for 1921 is given a very cordial review in which he compliments, and quotes from the address of Grand Master Lee. Favorable comment is made on the Correspondence Report and "Scrap Book." Here is what he thinks of our proceedings.

It is always a pleasure to read the Michigan proceedings. They are a model of what such a volume can be made. And best of all, the spirit is right.

HENRY A. MacGRUER, Syracuse, Grand Master.

GEORGE EDWARD HATCH, Rochester, Grand Recorder.

NORTH CAROLINA, 1921

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Asheville

May 11

RALPH L. CHANDLER, Grand Master

Many familiar names appear in these proceedings by reason of association in connection with the triennials. Frank Hart, of South Carolina and E. A. McHan, of Georgia,

both Grand Recorders, were received with Grand Honors. Grand Commander Hardeman, of Georgia, and Companion J. C. Chase, of New Hampshire, were also present.

The Grand Master was successful in getting the delayed returns, some three years old, from the seven delinquent councils. Good work! He also got them to all come in under cover the present year, "a record never before attained." He made many visits and imparted his enthusiasm to the councils. He instituted five new councils. If there was a "field" for them, this is more good work.

He made the following decision:

A Companion demitting from a chapter of Royal Arch Masons in Virginia to a Chapter of Royal Arch Masons in North Carolina and not affiliating with a council would be in the position of a non-affiliating council Mason, to the extent that he would be eligible to file petition for membership in a council in North Carolina after being "healed" in a council in North Carolina.

After being "healed" he would be eligible to petition council for membership, in the same manner as though he held a demit, stating in his application the chapter of Royal Arch Masons in Virginia of which he was formerly a member and that he had received the Royal and Select Masters degrees in that chapter.

He made several recommendations, among them these:

That this Grand Council render any support within their power to assist Most Illustrious Companion William F. Kuhn, Past Grand Master of Missouri, in getting a degree team to come from Kansas City, Mo., to Asheville at the next triennial assembly of the General Grand Council, for the purpose of exemplifying the council degrees in full historical form. That the incoming Grand Master be empowered to use his good judgment in carrying out any program he desires, and to appoint such special committees as he desires to assist him.

The Illustrious Master of any council shall not be permitted to hold office in the same council for more than two terms of one year each. I recommend this change as several of our councils have a habit of re-electing the same Master year after year and statistics show that in every instance those council's memberships have actually decreased.

Any council that shall fail to be represented at the annual assembly of this Grand Council for two consecutive years shall be fined \$20.00 and any council failing to be represented for three consecutive

years shall be fined \$25.00, which fine shall be collected by the Grand Recorder and credited to this Grand Council.

It shall be the duty of the Grand Recorder to notify by registered mail such councils as are affected, of their liability to a fine, thirty days before the annual assembly of this Grand Council. This is in order that they may have sufficient time to see that their council is represented.

He personally made up a complete card index of the membership from 1821, "during his leisure moments." He must have lived on "Leisure Avenue." He asks "permission" to keep up the work. The membership is now 1,077, a gain of 277 or 34.6%.

The special committee on consolidating the offices of Grand Recorder and Grand Instructor made this report.

Your Committee, three each from the Grand Chapter, Grand Council and Grand Commandery, appointed pursuant to the resolution adopted by this Grand Body in 1920, to consider the matter of a whole time Grand Secretary and Grand Recorder, beg to report that they (all being present save one member) have carefully considered the matter, and also met jointly with the Finance Committee and thoroughly discussed the entire matter.

We recommend that a whole time Grand Secretary and Grand Recorder be employed by the three Grand Bodies, instead of part time as at present.

At present the three bodies pay:

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| Grand Chapter | \$600.00 |
| Grand Council | 75.00 |
| Grand Commandery | 575.00 |

\$1,250.00

We wish the finances of each of the bodies would permit our paying a salary adequate to the work we look for the whole time Secretariat to perform, but such is not the case this year; therefore, we recommend the apportionment of \$2,000.00 salary and \$1,500.00 expenses as follows:

| | Salary Expenses Aggregate | | |
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| Grand Chapter | \$900.00 | \$700.00 | \$1,600.00 |
| Grand Council | 200.00 | 100.00 | 300.00 |

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| Grand Commandery | 900.00 | 700.00 | 1,600.00 |
| | <u>\$2,000.00</u> | <u>\$1,500.00</u> | <u>\$3,500.00</u> |

No report on Correspondence.

JOHN H. ANDERSON, Fayetteville, Grand Master.

JOHN B. GRIGGS, Elizabeth City, Grand Recorder.

NORTH DAKOTA, 1921.

Fifth Annual.

GRAND FORKS

January 27

ALEXANDER G. BURR, Grand Master.

The Fifth Annual Assembly of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters was held at Grand Forks, Thursday, January 27. All councils were represented. Three of the Grand Officers were not present, all having been detained by urgent personal or official duties. The following officers were elected and installed:

Walter L. Stockwell, Grand Master, Fargo.

Adolph M. Christianson, Deputy Grand Master, Bismarck.

Frank C. Falkenstein Grand Principal Conductor of the Work, Bottineau.

George E. Duis, Grand Treasurer, Grand Forks.

E. George Guthrie, Grand Recorder, Fargo.

Walter A. Dunnett, Grand Chaplain, Churches Ferry.

R. E. Wenzel, Grand Captain of the Guard, Grand Forks.

Carl B. Craven, Grand Conductor of the Council, Carrington.

Fred E. Soden, Grand Marshal, Edgerly.

David M. Holmes, Grand Steward, Grand Forks.

William T. Johnston, Grand Sentinel, Fargo.

Grand Recorder Stockwell was advanced to Grand Master in honor of the enthusiastic and arduous labor he has done for the Rite.

Companion Guthrie named Companion Ralph L. Miller

Deputy Grand Recorder and he will have charge of the active duties of the Grand Recorder's office.

Grand Master Alexander G. Burr delivered a very able address, as was to be expected. The returns from constituent councils showed little activity outside of Fargo Council. The net gain was 18. Present membership is 619. Financially the Grand Council is out of debt and has a cash balance of \$367.60 in the hands of Grand Treasurer, and unexpended balance in hands of Grand Recorder \$20.07.

The prospects for future growth is most promising. Already through the active work of Companion Falkenstein, a petition for dispensation to organize at Devils Lake is in the hands of the Grand Master. The Companions at Bismarck and Mandan, likewise at Minot, are ready, and without doubt the present year will see the organization of four or five new councils.

The Grand Master urged every council to plan to hold in the spring, a council reunion and all the degrees conferred in good form.

WALTER L. STOCKWELL, Fargo, Grand Master.

E. GEORGE GUTHRIE, Fargo, Grand Recorder.

OHIO, 1921.

Ninety-second Annual

DAYTON

October 4

LEWIS B. SHAW, Grand Master.

Grand Master Andrew H. Conn, of Iowa, was presented and received as a distinguished visitor.

The Grand Master does not seem to be just satisfied with what, as a jurisdiction, they get out of the General Grand Council, but this is just what many Masons say about the lodge. However it is not always "what they can get out of it" that counts, but what they can "put into it." Ohio has

done much for General Grand Council and its influence for good would be a great loss should that body be deprived of it.

He calls attention to the new "code" which was up for consideration at that session. In dividing the state into arches for inspection, he made the arch a unit composed of contiguous counties and thus reduced the expense of inspection.

Last year the Grand Council purchased a piece of property adjacent to the Masonic Home consisting of a mill site, which developed that the property is exceedingly valuable for generating electrical current, with a maximum capacity which would save 4,000 tons of coal per annum and as a commercial proposition it was worth \$50,000. That was certainly a nice present and will be duly appreciated.

He compliments the Grand Recorder and says:

Our splendid Grand Recorder, who in his efficient way has made our Grand Recorder's office the home of complete Masonic records of the personnel of this Grand Body, should be commended for the great work done. Although it has cost considerable to do this, the work is very nearly completed and it is worth the price. He should be supported in his efforts to make the Grand Recorder's office modern in every detail and worthily representative of this wonderful body of Royal and Select Masters.

Our gain this year is 4,307 and is the second largest in our history. It places our number at 38,150.

The Grand Treasurer reports a very nice balance of nearly \$22,000.

Grand Recorder O'Hara submits his fifth annual report with feelings of pride and satisfaction, and well may he feel that way when he can show that councils advanced 4,670 during the year, making a net gain of 4,307, and the largest jurisdiction on earth of 38,150. This was done by 92 chartered councils and three under dispensation. Mansfield Council is the largest with 1,962 members, and this is a monument to the introduction of the dramatization of the Super Excellent degree in that council some years ago. There are

five councils showing over 1,400 members; three councils advanced more than 200 each; with seven more than 100 each. Fifty-two councils show from 25 to 100 each. No council in the state failed to advance candidates, and the only councils showing loss of members contributed to the formation of new councils.

A communication was read from M. I. Companion Grafton M. Acklin, now sojourning in the Orient.

The Committee on Revision of Constitution made their report.

They dropped the word "subordinate" and called them all "constituent" councils. They have changed requirements for membership of councils from nine to twenty-seven, that being a symbolical number of these degrees, and they believe a council should not be permitted to run below 27 members. This also applies to formation of new councils. Charter fee was raised to \$100. They added several standing committees for the reason that these are appointed every year any way. Two standing committees were dropped and made single individuals, a Fraternal Correspondent who receives \$400 and a Necrologist who received \$50. The Grand Treasurer receives a salary of \$50.00 and the Grand Recorder \$2,400. All officers of the council must have the Super Excellent degree before being installed. The Deputy Master succeeds to the powers and duties of the Master, but not the rank and title.

Ohio is liberal with its appropriations and can well afford to be. In addition to matters mentioned above, the Grand Master is allowed \$1,000 for expenses; rent of Grand Recorder's office \$1,200; stenographer and clerk \$1,800; card index expense \$600; Masonic Home \$300.

The Committee on Ritual recommended that a new committee of seven members be appointed to present a revision of all three degrees.

The "Report of Annual Review" is again the work of that veteran writer and reviewer, Nelson Williams, and occupies 72 pages of the proceedings. Michigan for 1921 gets

three pages of his space. He wonders what could be the necessity for a supplementary section to the ritual for opening and closing in the Royal Master's degree. Well, the desire was expressed by some councils which are following the plan of conferring only one degree on an evening, so we are accommodating chaps over here and gave them what they wanted. He does not feel that there is any basis, monetary or otherwise, for life membership, and says: "Let the fellow pay who can pay and remit the dues of the fellow who cannot pay, and keep away from the gamble on life expectancy as far as possible." He thinks Michigan another evidence of what can be accomplished by consistent and persistent efforts. He says "But a few years ago the reports were discouraging and no one seemed to know what was the trouble." Yes, Nelson, some of us knew what was the trouble, but.....Well, never mind. We're going along nicely now and hope it will continue.

CLYDE L. SMITH, Fremont, Grand Master.

WM. T. S. O'HARA, Toledo, Grand Recorder.

OKLAHOMA, 1921

Twenty-seventh

BARTLESVILLE

May 18

CHARLES EDWARD CREAGER, Grand Master

We hate to criticize, but the artistic work on the Grand Master's portrait isn't much. Surely that can be improved upon.

In commenting on the death of two Past Grand Masters, the Grand Master says:

In connection with the death of Companions Doyle and Mann, I earnestly invite your attention to the beautiful monument of their zeal, and that of their illustrious companions on Mt. Moriah, near McAlester. This Crypt which the companions of Union Council erected and dedicated to the service of the Rite is too important to remain

a purely local institution. It is appropriate in all its appointments and it is beautiful. The McAlester companions, generous souls that they are, are not disposed to jealousy of their wonderful accomplishment. Their project deserves to be substantially and formally recognized by the Grand Council and I urgently recommend that steps be taken at this annual session to appropriate funds, if they are available, for the completion and maintenance of Mt. Moriah under the immediate supervision of Union Council and without interference of their plans.

He is earnest in the belief that some measures should be taken towards cooperation of the Grand Bodies in support of public schools, and says:

I have referred with profound regret that the year is not marked by some notable performance for good to the credit of our Grand Council. An organization dedicated to the principles which form the foundation of Cryptic Masonry owes it to itself, to the Craft and to Humanity to engage in some work for the advancement of our race. We owe it to Symbolic and Capitular Masonry to sustain and support them in their undertakings. To the end that there may be co-ordinated effort and intensified zeal in those efforts of the Craft which may influence society generally, I recommend that provision be made for the appointment of a committee of three companions who shall act with similar committee from the other Grand Bodies for the purpose of co-operation in any movement which may effect our Public Schools, the Masonic Service, or any enterprise which may be inaugurated within our own jurisdiction.

He recommends that the Grand Recorder shall be one of the Representatives to the General Grand Council, also that a committee be appointed with an appropriation of \$200 for an undertaking to complete the Grand Council records. I presume he means record of membership.

The Committee on Work and Returns make a very unique report, from which I clip the following:

In one Grand Council report the Committee on Work and Returns says: "We have examined the returns of the several subordinate councils and find them correct." Now this is certainly luminous. What a world of information that conveys! How much it tells the Grand Council of what subordinate councils accomplished or failed to accomplish during the year. Your committee respectfully submits that a live man is better than an Indian cigar sign and that a red blooded

woman beats a dry goods dummy several times. So with no apologies to our Grand Council and a "go to" to our critics, this report is submitted:

The twenty-two subordinate councils which show a gain give a net gain of 941 members. Of this 941, four councils show a gain of 602 members. These are Ardmore No. 11, Alpha No. 18, Shawnee No. 26, and Bartlesville No. 41. Shawnee carries off the banner with a gain of 207. The four next in order show a gain of 222. Therefore eight councils show a gain of 824 members out of the total of 941.

They report two councils which have doubled their membership and give them due credit, and close their report with the following:

The council degrees carry with them as fine lessons as are taught anywhere along the Masonic road. There is no finer opportunity for dignified and at the same time spectacular work in Masonry than is found in the Super Excellent Masters degree. It does not appear possible to secure that the council degrees be made a prerequisite to the commandery. Therefore, these degrees depend absolutely on their own merits as they may be taken or left at the will of Chapter Masons. However, all who have taken the council degrees must realize that it is only through these degrees that Masonry is fully rounded out. Without the explanation which the council degrees afford, Ancient Craft Masonry is incomplete. Every Chapter Mason should be urged for his own benefit and his own understanding of Masonry to petition for the council degrees. On the whole the Grand Council and its Thrice Illustrious Master are to be congratulated on the most successful year Cryptic Masonry has known in Oklahoma.

Companion Eugene Hamilton makes a brief Report on Correspondence, reviewing Michigan for 1920. He quotes from Grand Master Scadden and notes his numerous visitations. When he reads the report of the Grand Lecturer he says: "No wonder that Cryptic Masonry in Michigan is on the map."

ROBERT HODGSON, Altus, Grand Master.

JAMES A. SCOTT, Muskogee, Grand Recorder.

OREGON, 1921

Thirty-sixth Annual

EUGENE

April 13

JOHN BELL PATTERSON, Grand Master.

The portrait of the Grand Master presents him in the uniform of the United States army, but his occupation is with the Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Company, which stood him well in hand in maintaining and extending lines of communication for the advancing armies in France, where he remained in the service until the last men were mustered out.

Michigan was represented by Companion M. L. Myers as usual.

The Grand Master complains that work in the council is crowded out by reason of so much work being done in the lodge, chapter and commandery that there are hardly nights enough to go around.

He recommends that provision be made for the attendance of Grand Master at General Grand Council; and urges stringent methods be taken with Grand Representatives who fail to attend. However, he should be reminded that Grand Representatives of other states receive their appointment from that Grand Master.

He recommends the following resolution:

"Be it Resolved, by this Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of the State of Oregon, that we recognize and proclaim our belief in the free and compulsory education of the children of our nation in the public primary schools, supported by public taxation, upon which all children should attend and be instructed in the English language only, without regard to race or creeds, as the only sure foundation for the perpetuation and preservation of our free institutions, guaranteed by the Constitution of the United States, and we pledge the efforts of this body to promote by all lawful means the organization, extension and development to the highest degree of such schools, and to oppose any and all efforts of any and all who seek to limit, curtail, hinder or destroy the public school system of our land."

This resolution was adopted and thus another jurisdic-

tion is placed on record as behind the compulsory education idea. Good for Oregon.

Grand Recorder Richmond presents a good report of affairs of his office. He shows a net gain in members of 289, with a present membership of 1,457.

An amendment to have Grand Council meet at the same place and between the sessions of Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter was defeated 46 to 17. Albany was selected as the next place of meeting. A banquet was announced to take place following the close of Grand Council.

There is no report on Correspondence.

GEORGE TAYLOR, Albany, Grand Master.

J. H. RICHMOND, Portland, Grand Recorder.

PENNSYLVANIA, 1921

Seventy-fifth Annual

HARRISBURG

January 18

SAMUEL E. BASEHORE, Grand Master

The proceedings of this jurisdiction are always samples of good workmanship in the printer's art.

Several special assemblies were called for the purpose of taking action upon petitions for warrants for the constitution of new councils.

The Grand Master finds that since the close of the war, consciously or unconsciously, an increased number of men have turned their thoughts toward the Masonic Fraternity, and during the past year their membership was increased by 1,597.

Under the subject of the National Memorial the Grand Master says:

The name of General George Washington as Commander-in-Chief of the American Army, in the Revolutionary War, and later as the first President of the United States, is known not only throughout the length and breadth of our own land, but also in every civilized coun-

try throughout the world; but as a Free Mason he is not so known, although it is stated on good authority that he "was one of the brightest luminaries in the Masonic Constellation." The George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association "stands committed to the erection of a suitable memorial, at Alexandria, Virginia, to Washington, the Mason, which will be a grand rallying point not only for the Masons in the United States, but for persons from all over the world." It is my firm conviction that this Grand Council should, in a substantial way, recognize this important and worthy object. And further it should in a more liberal manner recognize the needs of the Masonic Homes at Elizabethtown where wonderful works are being carried on by the Masonic fraternity in this State.

This Grand Master exercised a supposed prerogative of Grand Masters and made Cryptic Masons at sight of Companion William Cameron Sproul, Governor of Pennsylvania, and Charles Nelson Greene, no political title given.

The Grand Treasurer reports a cash balance of \$4,300 and \$10,000 in securities, which will keep them from starvation for a time. The present membership is 10,863. They pay the Grand Recorder a salary of \$1,200 and \$600 to the Grand Master for visitations, and \$15.00 and mileage to each representative.

Grand Recorder Martenis is the architect of the "Report on Foreign Correspondence" as usual, and he pays his respects to Michigan for 1920 in over two pages. He quotes liberally from Grand Master Scadden's address together with his conclusion, also giving the statistical report of the Grand Recorder.

FRANK G. HARTMAN, Lancaster, Grand Master.

FRANK W. MARTENIS, Bethlehem, Grand Recorder.

RHODE ISLAND, 1921

Sixty-first Annual

PROVIDENCE

April 12

MANTON N. COOMBS, Grand Master.

The Grand Master gets his head in the "window," for the frontispiece and brings us a pleasant smile.

A special assembly was convened at East Greenwich for the purpose of constituting a new council.

Michigan failed to be represented by her duly accredited ambassador.

The Grand Master recommended that the matter of joining the General Grand Council be referred to a committee for report at the next annual.

Advancing years and the need of younger blood impelled the voluntary retirement of the Grand Lecturer, Edward L. Mulchahey.

The officers of Doric Council U. D. gave an impressive rendition of the Royal Master degree.

Companion William Sturdy Greene, whom I take to be some sort of a near relative of the Illustrious Grand Recorder, has charge of the Correspondence Report. Michigan for 1920 gets a page. He says Grand Master Scadden's address is so good that he wishes he could print all of it. Commenting on his failure to find precedence for attendance at the George Washington Memorial Association, he says:

We don't approve such a decision, neither can we endorse or even understand California's attitude of appropriating the amount necessary for membership and then refusing to accept that membership.

He also quotes from Scadden's conclusion. Commenting on the seventeenth annual Report on Correspondence by this writer he says:

To a beginner seventeen is too many to look forward to, especially when we read one as exhaustive as this. No! we could never reach that elevation, but from the lower level we can enjoy the length, its breadth, and the general knowledge of Cryptic law and fact contained in this review.

Under Texas he gives comment upon Riley's criticism of an address by Companion Wilbur A. Scott where reference was made to Rhode Island's recognition by Grand Lodge of the Grand Lodge of France and the Grand Orient of France, and Companion Scott replies in part as follows:

Nearly three years have elapsed and the dire results prophesied

by our good Texas Companion have not come to pass. On the other hand, we have learned with much satisfaction that several other American Grand Lodges, animated by a spirit of tolerance and true fraternity, have seen fit to accord recognition to French Masonry.

Universal Brotherhood is an ideal, and like many ideals impossible of complete attainment; but it will never be possible, in a Masonic sense, until we are willing to banish dogmatism as to what others shall teach and profess, whose ideals and purposes are admittedly as lofty and as serious as our own.

Companion Riley expresses the hope that "the clouds will have blown out of Rhode Island's sky when her Proceedings for next year" reach him. The clouds have indeed blown out of Rhode Island's sky, and the sun of tolerance and true fraternity shines unobscured over our little jurisdiction.

We have, perhaps, accomplished little but whatever it is it looks toward the great object and ideal of Freemasonry—the Fraternal Brotherhood of Man. In the realization of that fact we derive a large measure of satisfaction.

DONALD E. SPEARS, Newport, Grand Master.

WILLIAM R. GREENE, Providence, Grand Recorder

SOUTH CAROLINA, 1921

Sixty-second Annual

NEWBERRY

April 12

KENNETH BAKER, Grand Master

A Special Assembly was called for the purpose of constituting Potter Council at Gaffney.

We have heard and read a good deal about what the Governor of North Carolina said to the Governor of South Carolina, and vice versa, but here is what the Grand Master of North Carolina said to the Grand Master of South Carolina, and it seems to have a different ring.

Greetings from the Grand Council of North Carolina, regret very much my inability to be present at your Annual Assembly. Hoped to be able to be with you, but unforeseen circumstances prevent.

The absence of Past Grand Master George F. Mower

was noted, and since that time we have received official notice of his death.

The Grand Master states that, judging from information he has received the Cryptic degrees are being more appreciated and understood than ever before. He has made an effort to get the councils to have regular meetings and transact their business in regular stated assemblies.

He issued dispensation for one new council and constituted one under charter.

He recommends that 2,000 copies of the small pamphlet, "To The Master Mason Desiring Further Knowledge," be purchased and distributed to promote interest in the Cryptic Rite.

Grand Recorder Hart is happy to know that all councils have filed reports and paid dues, and the statistical statement shows a present membership of 3,258, an increase of 901. Then going back ten years ago he finds the total membership was only 308, which shows an increase of over ten times.

The Grand Recorder's salary was raised to \$800 and the Foreign Correspondent's salary to \$200; Grand Treasurer \$150; Stenographer \$150; George Washington Memorial \$100.

Jimmie Michie starts off his review "of the proceedings of sister jurisdictions with the following 'pome.' "

"He drew a circle that shut me out—
Heretic, Rebel, a thing to flout,
But Love and I had the will to win,
We drew a Circle that took him in."

He then launches forth upon his eleventh annual review which seems to be up to his regular standard, and in which he gives the devil his due at whatever corner he meets him. He gives Michigan for 1920 a page and a half of his space, and notes that Scadden "permitted four councils to hippodrome through the country peddling degrees." He also comments thus on the Washington Memorial:

Having received a letter from Brother C. H. Callahan, Secretary of the Washington Memorial Association, requesting that a representative of the Grand Council be sent to the tenth annual meeting of the association, he wrote Brother Callahan that he could find no precedent for such procedure. We think we might have adopted the plan of the late Grand Master Shryock of Maryland, viz., if you can't find a precedent, make one.

Of the Grand "Secretary's" Report he indicates that "he must have burned the midnight oil over its compilation." Yes, Jimmie, several times.

He notes that the "Supernumerary" was exemplified by Saginaw Council, "all" being invited to remain and then says:

"All," Companion Conover? Are all Cryptic Masons in Michigan permitted to view exemplifications of the Super-Excellent whether they have taken, or intend to take, the degree or not?

Yes, my dear, in Michigan nobody can attend Grand Council who has not had the S. E. degree, so it does include "all." Like Warvelle, of Illinois, he is stuck on the term "Supernumerary," and of course, being Scotch, he can't change. On this subject he says:

Yes, Companion Conover, I am always ready to receive "more light." Won't you tell me how the Supernumerary came to be conferred in a Council of Royal and Select Masters?

Who was her father?
Who was her mother?
Has she a sister?
Has she a brother?
Or is there a nearer one
Still and a dearer one
Yet than the other?

Well we might, but you get nowhere trying to argue with a Scotsman.

WILLIAM W. WANNAMAKER, Orangeburg, Grand Master.
O. FRANK HART, Columbia, Grand Recorder.

SOUTH DAKOTA, 1920

Fourth Annual

PIERRE

June 9

THEORUS R. STONER, Grand Master.

Photogravures of the new Grand Masters, Feige and Guinter, grace the proceedings, which include transactions of two years.

The Grand Master states that the fact that these degrees are not necessary for advancement to any higher degrees make it more difficult to secure candidates, "But there is nothing to prevent our earnestly soliciting every worthy Royal Arch Mason to unite with us."

He issued a dispensation for the forming of a new council at Mitchell, authorizing the Grand Lecturer to "communicate the council degrees to a sufficient number of Royal Arch Masons to enable them to apply for a dispensation." He also permitted Omega Council to go to Yankton for the purpose of conferring the degrees on a number of candidates. Owing to strenuous business conditions and high cost of living, he did not make any official visits.

Grand Recorder Pettigrew presents his fourth annual report, stating councils were hampered during winter months by influenza, which caused the closing of the lodge rooms, but, notwithstanding, a substantial gain in membership was reported.

Under rituals he is a little inclined to give free advertisement to so-called "ritual houses." However he believes the right thing to do is to adopt General Grand Council ritual and thus work toward uniformity.

They have six councils, two under dispensation and a membership of 845.

The report of the Ritual Committee later, recommending General Grand Council ritual was adopted, so that momentous question is settled for a time.

ERNEST W. FEIGE, Huron, Grand Master.

GEORGE A. PETTIGREW, Sioux Falls, Grand Recorder.

SOUTH DAKOTA, 1921

Fifth Annual

WATERTOWN

June 15

ERNEST W. FEIGE, Grand Master.

Grand Master Feige feels that Cryptic Masonry is hardly keeping pace with the other branches and urges the companions to renew their zeal and endeavor to attend and occupy their proper position.

He granted dispensation for forming a new council at Pierre, and they started right off with great enthusiasm. He granted dispensation to Black Hills Council to take its charter and paraphernalia to Rapid City to confer the degrees upon a number of candidates.

The Grand Recorder reports a net gain of 250.

There is no Report on Correspondence.

MERRILL E. GUINTER, Sioux Falls, Grand Master.

GEORGE A. PETTIGREW, Sioux Falls, Grand Recorder.

TENNESSEE, 1921

Seventy-first Annual

NASHVILLE

January 24

LEVIN B. HANDY, Grand Master

Eight Past Grand Masters answered to roll call, together with representatives of seventeen councils.

I am delighted to see the splendid stand made by Masons of Tennessee on the educational question. It is the live topic of the time. The Grand Master jumps right into it immediately on opening his address and gives us this:

To my mind the greatest work before Masonry today is the matter of education in Tennessee, and it is my ardent desire to see Cryptic Masonry take up her share in this great work. Therefore, I beg leave to submit to you the following:

A widespread interest is being manifested by the Masonic Fraternity in the cause of education. Indications of this interest are strik-

ingly noticeable throughout this jurisdiction. I have been profoundly impressed by this tendency among Masons, and take great pleasure in not only commending the spirit but in urging its further development.

It seems exceedingly appropriate that our institution should take an active leadership in a campaign against ignorance and superstition, which are by-products of illiteracy. To my mind the traditions, landmarks and history of our order definitely commit us to the principle of dispelling darkness with light.

The condition of Tennessee from an educational standpoint is deplorable. Our jurisdiction stands almost at the bottom of the list of States. The happiness and prosperity of our people have been blighted and retarded by the awful inefficiency of our educational facilities, especially in a rural sense.

If Cryptic Masonry stood for no other great purpose than an improvement of this condition, our membership would be richly rewarded through its devotion to such lofty ideals. To materialize this sentiment which I believe actuates our membership, I recommend that the incoming Grand Master be instructed to create a Grand Council Commission on Education, consisting of a State Chairman, who will be appointed annually by the Grand Master, and Educational Committees of three in each Subordinate Council, which committees shall be appointed annually by their respective Thrice Illustrious Masters. It shall be the duty of this Commission to:

First—Make a study of Cryptic Masonry and disseminate this knowledge through the Educational Committee to the membership of their respective councils.

Second—Study the educational System of Tennessee, particularly with reference to rural schools, and to encourage among the membership of the Craft an active interest in the cause of education.

Third—To co-operate with every forward-looking movement in the interest of education.

Fourth—That the chairman of this commission shall make a detailed report of the Commission's activities at each session of this Grand Council.

Fifth—That the sum of \$250, or such part of this amount as shall be necessary, be appropriated by this Grand Council to defray the expenses of the Educational Commission.

He arrested the charter of one council and in the matter of visitations decided to confine them to those councils requesting the visit. The result was several requests, but

the question is, did not the ones who failed to respond need the advice of the Grand Master the most?

He recommends an appropriation for expenses to General Grand Council and that the mileage and per diem for Grand Council Assemblies be increased to ten cents per mile and five dollars per day.

He finds that the returns to the Grand Recorder show the greatest gain ever enjoyed, and is much gratified to find his home council showing great interest in the work. However, he finds some councils which "have Chopin's old funeral march for their battle song."

In regard to electioneering and recommendation of candidates he truly says:

No subordinate council should offer a favorite son as a candidate for the official line unless they can show this Grand Council they have a council that has caught the proper spirit and is doing things. The fact the Grand Council has been keeping their own house in order, in my opinion is responsible for the prosperity we are now enjoying.

The Grand Treasurer shows a nice balance of nearly \$2,000.

The Jurisprudence Committee approved the recommendations of the Grand Master on educational matters, and recommended that a committee be appointed to work in conjunction with Grand Chapter, together with a committee of three from each subordinate council. They also make a good suggestion that a copy of the address of the Grand Master be placed in the hands of the Jurisprudence Committee ten days before the annual meeting.

A sum of \$50.00 was appropriated to the George Washington Memorial.

On account of ill health Companion Flenniken was unable to write the Report on Correspondence so the duty was delegated to Grand Recorder Smart, who says it is the second time he has been called upon to perform that duty. Michigan receives fraternal mention, and he has the following to say on the prerequisite idea:

Companion Charles A. Conover is the ink slinger on the correspondence report, and presents a good job for the inspection of the Craft. He reviews Tennessee for 1919 in nearly three pages, quoting freely from Grand Master McDannel's address, part of which is what Mc had to say about prerequisite, but makes no comment upon it. Our idea is, as the Knights Templar have refused to adopt prerequisite, and probably never will, to insert the following, or something to the same effect, in all petitions for the Chapter degrees:

I do declare upon my honor as a Mason, that, should I receive the degrees of the Chapter, I will not petition for the Commandery degrees until I shall have taken the Cryptic degrees.

While this is a modified form of the Texas plan, it would serve to knock all the prerequisite rot into a cocked hat, and the result would be a building up of the Councils.

Now this is a new one. Let's call this one the "Tennessee Plan." Suppose you try it out in Tennessee, Charlie, and if it works well, give us the recipe.

J. D. HENDERSON, Knoxville, Grand Master.

C. H. SMART, Nashville, Grand Recorder.

TEXAS, 1921

Fifteenth Annual

WACO

December 5

GEORGE G. WHITE, Grand Master.

Representatives of 84 councils of 298 were present. There is a list of 34 demised councils. One hundred seventy-five councils made returns to Grand Recorder. This is a fair survey of the "activity and interest" of which the Grand Master complains.

Michigan was not represented. In view of the disturbed conditions in Mexico, Masonically as well as otherwise the following report of the Grand Master is interesting.

As soon as possible I wrote to Companion Chas. B. Waite, Recorder of said council, requesting him to forward the charter and other effects of the council to the Grand Recorder. I received several letters

from him in regard to the matter, but the companion was a little slow in complying with my request.

Learning from the M. E. Grand High Priest that a Past High Priest of Cleburne Chapter was in Mexico City, and had received instructions to collect the paraphernalia of Mexico City Chapter; I asked him to have the companion to take charge of the property of the council, which he did, and the same has been turned over to the custody of the Grand Recorder.

He constituted 14 new councils and granted dispensations for five more. They still find results of the "merger" cropping out, as some councils are still working "within the chapters," all fees etc., going to the chapter and the chapter paying all expenses. They are warned by the Grand Master to "come out."

He decided that it was permissible to ballot upon more than one candidate at one time. He reports the death of their Grand Treasurer, W. W. Peavy. This state uses the Grand Visitor system and has 55 of them. The Grand Master says of them:

The office of Grand Visitor is one of great importance and no companion should accept the position unless he intends to discharge the duties pertaining thereto, creditably and efficiently. They can be of great service to the Grand Master in supervising the work of the councils in their district and can aid him wonderfully in discharging the duties of his office for through them the condition of the councils can be learned, and the Grand Master, when making his report, can inform the Grand Council whether Cryptic Masonry is progressing or retrograding. It is an office without remuneration, but the true Mason does not object to giving some of his time and means for the advancement of Masonry, without "the hope of fee or reward."

He states, that the Cryptic Rite is prosperous and nearly 3,500 candidates were received. He finds there are 38,272 Royal Arch Masons, and "approximately" 32,067 Royal and Select Masters in the state and that if the law was observed there would be \$6,000 due the Grand Council from Grand Chapter for fees which "should have been received" and which could have been contributed to the Home for the Aged, but this laxness probably is due to the 64 councils

which have failed in the past five years to make returns. The Grand Master says regarding councils:

In my visits to the subordinate councils I have been impressed with the appalling lack of knowledge in the opening and closing ceremonies, and the esoteric work of the degrees. This is all the more surprising, there being so many companions scattered throughout the jurisdiction who hold certificates of proficiency, and who would gladly impart instruction if enough interest was manifested by the council. I believe that this lack of skill is brought about because the councils are not required to meet at stated intervals; and when called assemblies are held, the companions not having the necessary practice to become proficient, cannot confer the degrees in an impressive manner; interest is lost in the work by the companions, the candidate fails to receive the full benefit of our beautiful and interesting ceremonies, and on the next occasion called for the purpose of work it is extremely difficult to have a quorum present.

Grand Recorder Bartley, whom the writer had the pleasure of meeting recently, reports "estimated membership" 31,844, net gain 3,248. The sum of \$2,000 was transferred to the Endowment Fund of Masonic Home.

The report on Correspondence is by Companion William James. He introduces himself thus:

For nineteen-nineteen and nineteen-twenty the report on fraternal correspondence was presented by Companion P. M. Riley and he was again appointed to do the work for this year. Just as Companion Riley was getting ready to start the job, he was taken quite ill, he hoped for a time that he would be able later to take up the work and finish it in time for the Grand Council meeting, he would have attempted the work, but was urged not to do so and later his physicians told him he must not and even a good preacher obeys the Doctor, when nature makes him do so. In Masonry, it has always appealed to me, that when something was to be done, when some one who was in authority called and said do it, it was no time for pleading some other engagement, that you were not fitted for the job, that somebody could do it better, but that you should without any back-firing, get on the job and do your best. Dr. Riley did not ask me if I would, he just said you go do it and I have "did" my best.

He then proceeds with his job in good shape. Michigan for 1921 is fraternally reviewed. He commends Grand Commander Brownson for attending the meeting and feels that

Grand Master Lee "was on the job in every way possible." He thinks if the proceedings of Texas had been reviewed, "the report would then have been perfect." Our style of review evidently meets with his approval.

His review of the different Grand Jurisdictions is full. He culled with so free a hand and receptive mind, that had been well trained for its work by many years of experience. The things are so really worth while, that your interest begins with the first page and you lay down the finished work with regret. M. I. Andrew L. Arthur, the Grand Representative of Texas, is Grand Master and he lives in Pontiac.

B. F. BROWN, Sterling City, Grand Master.
THOMAS M. BARTLEY, Waco, Grand Recorder.

VERMONT, 1921

Sixty-eighth Annual

BURLINGTON

June 11

AARON H. GROUT, Grand Master.

Edwin B. Clift represented Michigan and was marked present. Companion Everette C. Benton, Past Grand Master of Massachusetts, was received and welcomed as a distinguished visitor.

The Grand Master gave an eloquent and inspiring address, well worthy to be read by every companion, but we must be content with selections:

Let us never forget, companions, that we are Vermonters, descendants of that noble band of Green Mountain Boys who wrested from New York State and the New Hampshire Grants our fair little commonwealth, who declared their independence of all powers, princes and potentates, and for a period of time maintained a sovereign and independent government of the people, by the people and for the people. Our civic history, so well known to all of you, fairly glows with honorable deeds, valiant acts and self-sacrificing devotion to a cause and an ideal. We have never needed a League of Nations to point our way in the starry firmament of patriotic action; we have

been in the forefront in response to every call of the Nation to which we owe and gladly give allegiance; our sons and daughters have gone forth to enrich other communities with their ruggedness of character, their integrity and their constant pursuit of the highest and best in civilization, carrying everywhere, deep down in their hearts, a love for their native State, which keeps them ever true to their ideals.

He reports the wisdom of dividing the state into districts, and that inspiring meetings have been held as a result. He accepted the invitations to visit the Grand Councils of New York and Massachusetts, and was royally received and entertained.

Under decisions he gave the following:

"No demitted or non-affiliated council Mason is eligible to sign a petition asking for a new charter. Every signer of a petition for a new charter or to work under dispensation looking to the granting of a charter to a new council must be affiliated with some duly constituted council and in good standing at the time of signing such petition."

He frowns upon the practice of receiving, balloting on petitions and conferring the degrees upon the same evening without a special dispensation.

He recommends a codification of the laws and decisions. Commenting on dispensations he has this to say:

A number of requests for dispensations have been filed, nearly all of which I have granted. At the outset I admit that, in all cases, the reasons were not quite adequate to that full conservatism with which we, as Masons, properly ought to be imbued; but I was satisfied in each instance that the request was prompted by and the reasons given showed the necessities of a reawakened activity, a new energy and interest and a renewed determination on the part of councils applying for dispensations to increase membership through the right kind of candidates and to raise the council in our Green Mountain State out of a condition which seems to have prevailed for the past few years, indicated by the Grand Recorder's report of one year ago, which shows that our net gain in membership for the year then closing was only eleven.

He went after delinquent councils and endeavored to bring them to time. As a result he finds that with very

few exceptions, conditions of all subordinate councils is all that could be desired.

He is not discouraged at the refusal of Grand Encampment to provide for prerequisite, and urges renewed activity to the end that "eventually our prayer may be granted."

In conclusion he has this to say:

Once upon a time I heard the first beautiful expressions in Masonry. It was prophesied that I might climb round after round of the ladder that leads to fame in our mystic circle, and that even my shoulders might wear the purple of our fraternity. In my ignorance I then conceived that all this meant that to my unworthy self might come material honors and offices at the hands of my brothers. Even that selfish altruistic thought has come true beyond my fondest dreams, as evidenced by your permission that I preside over this Grand Council. Later, however, I was set to work in a secret vault, entrusted with the solemn and sacred traditions of the Cryptic Rite, and from that moment, Companions, with ever clarifying vision and realization, I have known the true meaning of the prophecy that my shoulders might wear the purple of our fraternity. The purple signifies the culmination of man's desires in things beautiful, which is merely synonymous with the Cryptic Rite. I have come to know that the prophecy of the first degree truly means something actually within the grasp of every man who is brought to light and made a Mason. It is simply the gradual ascent, step by step, up the beauteous hills, with face ever turned toward the rising sun, till the top of the climb is reached, where rests the rainbow's end of complete and thorough Masonic knowledge and understanding. It means not a material gain, but rather a spiritual development, a raising from the dark valleys of trouble and doubt, through beautiful and sublime surroundings, to the mountain tops of light eternal and perfect understanding. There is the purple of our fraternity, there is the Mason's reward, where, shorn of his selfishness and desire for material things, he awaits the judgment day and the call of the Supreme Architect of the Universe.

Grand Recorder Ross reports a net gain of 156 and a total membership of 1,656.

The Ritual Committee recommended that additional General Grand Council rituals be procured, and that the representative to General Grand Council be instructed to secure full explanation of all the work, signs, grips and words.

Companion C. B. Crowell "for the committee" presents

his fifth annual Cryptic review. Michigan for 1920 receives a share of his attention, and he is very proud to own our Grand Master as Vermont's Representative for he is a "real live wire." He then quotes liberally from the Grand Master's address with approval. On general conditions noted in our last year's review he says:

He thinks the Grand Lecturer appears to be about the whole thing in our jurisdiction. Well, he and the Grand Master are pretty nearly that. Cryptic Masonry in Vermont still needs a good deal of nursing, and we find that one or two nurses are much more efficient than a flock.

FRED H. SPAULDING, Springfield, Grand Master.

HENRY H. ROSS, Burlington, Grand Recorder.

WASHINGTON, 1921

Twenty-sixth Annual

Seattle

May 4

WALTER E. CARTER, Grand Master

During the flag ceremony the Grand Council rose, saluted the Stars and Stripes, pledged their allegiance, and sang America. The altar was draped in memory of three Past Grand Masters.

Samuel S. Enslow represented Michigan.

I clip the following from the Address of Welcome, as a sample of this western enthusiasm, which seems to be so gracious.

Our fair Queen City of the Northwest does welcome you; situated on the shores of the magnificent Puget Sound, surrounded with a verdant and resplendent scenery of mountain, valley and dale, basking in the shadows of the stately Olympics, and kissed and caressed by the most glorious sunsets of all time, we cannot but feel that this fair city is to us and to its citizens what Jerusalem is to the Jew, Mecca to the Mohammedan, and Constantinople to the Turk.

We are so imbued with its importance as a commercial and social center and world-beater, that we are beginning to believe that we have

the "Holy City" eclipsed. We even dare think that we have been raised to such an elevated plane in the estimation of ourselves and the Almighty that He consented at times, on some of our invigorating and entrancing summer evenings, to favor us with a concert by the Celestial Choir. In fact, if the fig-tree were indigenous to this locality, we would be prone to believe that this city marks the spot where Mother Eve first displayed her charms to Father Adam. Yea, more, that even "Calypso's Magic Isle" nestles somewhere on the bosom of the deep blue waters of Puget Sound.

They have an elaborate system of receiving and welcoming, and responses to the welcomes were made.

The Grand Master visited every council but one and several more than once, and was received in every instance with the most profound respect. He communicated the degrees to a sufficient number of Royal Arch Masons to make a regular petition. This could not be done in Vermont under a ruling of their Grand Master. All members for a new council must be active members of some council.

The Grand Recorder reports fourteen chartered councils and one U. D., a fine gain of 418, and a membership of 2,193.

The Committee on Literature reported the publication of a booklet of an educational nature. By a joint committee of Grand Chapter, Grand Council and Grand Commandery, 4,600 copies were distributed, and the chairman reports as follows:

From all sources I have received the most flattering reports of the benefits derived from the distribution and use of these booklets; and as further evidence of the benefits derived, the growth of York Rite Masonry during the past year in this Grand Jurisdiction was the most substantial of any year in its history. This growth is more noticeable in the cities and districts where this exposition of the hidden mysteries of the York Rite has been most freely distributed, and I believe yet more substantial benefits will accrue if their importance and benefit were more emphatically impressed upon our members by the presiding officers and Secretaries and Recorders, by referring to the booklets at each and every meeting and having a supply on the Secretary's or Recorder's desk for distribution (and not in closets, as some do, and forget them), and also by presenting a copy formally to each candidate when the charge is read.

The chairman of this committee, Companion William G. Rowland, we are proud to say is a product of Michigan.

The Grand Recorder is instructed to procure modern form of return blanks to make it more convenient to turn in typewritten reports, and that "typewritten returns should be insisted upon." Amen!

The Committee on Obituaries was made a standing committee.

The Jurisprudence Committee made the following recommendations:

We further recommend that the custom of kissing the Holy Bible * * * * be not required of candidates in this Jurisdiction, the practice being considered unsanitary.

We further recommend that the resolution to increase the minimum fee for the degrees be not approved.

A council under dispensation extended a cordial invitation for the next annual meeting to be held in Aberdeen. This is very ambitious for a new council.

The Report on Correspondence is again the labor of Companion Edward F. Tyler. Michigan for 1920 is fraternally reviewed. He notes that Washington was not represented by Companion C. E. Wise. No, he had a boy he is now raising for the Royal and Select Master degree in about twenty years or more.

Referring to our Grand Master propaganda he says: "His 'pepperized' efforts even revived a number of hibernating councils, which had been placed on probation at the last assembly."

He makes courteous reference to the writer of the Correspondence Report. Thanks, Ed., glad to see you are coming along so finely under the tutelage of that dear friend of mine, your illustrious "Dad."

JAMES W. THOMAS, Seattle, Grand Master.

HORACE W. TYLER, Tacoma, Grand Recorder.

WISCONSIN, 1921

Sixty-fourth Annual

MILWAUKEE

February 16

CHARLES E. WHELAN, Deputy Grand Master

A wide black rule in place of the name of the Grand Master indicates a death in the official family during the year, and the memorial of Grand Master Willard E. Gaede is included in the address of the Deputy Grand Master.

A deep solemnity marked the entire opening ceremony, during which the battery of the Grand Master was omitted and the silence which marked the time for the blows of his gavel was most impressive.

The Deputy Grand Master stated that he had prepared no formal address, but spoke without notes. He was successful in re-establishing Antigo Council after having discovered sign of life, which was a good job well done.

Grand Recorder Perry reports a total membership of 5,160, a net gain of 827. Fine! Fine!

Grand Lecturer Roy reports visiting fourteen councils besides the one revived. He also states that he witnessed the Super Excellent degree at three of the four councils that conferred the degree in that state, and says that wherever the work is done it is an incentive to the members, continuing with this:

These councils grow and seem to have more interest in Cryptic Masonry. I would strongly advise all councils who can to get busy and confer this most beautiful degree as often as they can find it possible.

There is no Report on Correspondence.

CHARLES E. WHELAN, Madison, Grand Master.

WILLIAM W. PERRY, Milwaukee, Grand Recorder.

COUNCIL SCRAP BOOK

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CRYPTIC HISTORY

By Companion William F. Kuhn, Past Grand Master of the Grand Council of Kansas.

To the General Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of the United States of America:

Your committee appointed to prepare a history of the Cryptic Degrees regret to report only progress. The task is a much more difficult one than appears on its face, and will require more research than the committee has been able to give it.

Much has been written on the history of the Royal and Select Masters' Degrees during the past fifty years, and all the writers have come to a stone wall in the secret vault beyond which lies the riddle: whence these degrees?

The fact that these degrees, single, or combined, were conferred at such and such a place, by so and so, does not solve the secret of their origin. During the past few years several excellent articles have appeared on the history of these degrees. Chief of these are a summary from the writings of Companion Schultz, of Maryland by Most Illustrious Companion Gustav A. Eitel, Grand Recorder of the Grand Council of Maryland; a brief history by Most Illustrious Companion Albert L. Anthony, of Rhode Island; "Retrospect of the Cryptic Degrees" by Illustrious Companion James I. Buchanan, of Pennsylvania, and several articles by Most Illustrious Companion George W. Warvelle, Grand Recorder of the Grand Council of Illinois. These articles agree on the important fact that the two degrees appeared almost simultaneously as separate degrees about the end of the Eighteenth Century.

The early history of these degrees is summarized by Most Illustrious Companion Anthony as follows: "My investigation leads me to believe that there is 'tangible evidence properly authenticated' to show conclusively that the Select Master's Degree was first conferred by one Henry Wilmans in Baltimore, Md., in 1790; that the Royal Master's Degree was first worked by one Thomas Lowndes in the city of New York, in 1805. It appears equally certain that these two degrees were combined into one system in Hartford, Conn., in 1818, by one Jeremy L. Cross."

It appears that the Royal Master was propagated by Thomas Lowndes in New York and the New England States while the Select Master's Degree by Jeremy L. Cross through the middle Atlantic and Western States until their union in 1818. After this union of the two degrees, Councils of Royal and Select Masters were established by Cross and by some Inspectors General of the A. A. S. R. in the Southern States. There appeared at this time no Sovereign head except assumed ones over the Cryptic Degrees.

It must be remembered that in the early decades of the Nineteenth Century many Masonic degree peddlers roamed over the earth, especially in the United States, and it was not safe for any degree that looked or smelled Masonic to be lying around loose, as it would be immediately attached to the repertoire of these peddlers for what was in it.

The story that these degrees were brought from Berlin fresh from the brain and hand of the great Prussian, Frederick the Great, is a fairy tale with which to play on the minds of the credulous. A degree then, as now, sells better if it has a foreign aroma. A hook baited with purely an American degree did not and does not catch as many Masonic suckers as one with a Continental flavor, be it English, French or Prussian.

If the solution of the riddle of the origin of the Cryptic Degrees is ever found, it can never be obtained simply by investigating by whom and where were the degrees first con-

ferred, but its solution rests on the relation of these degrees to existing degrees. On what degrees and of what Rite are these degrees dependent, historically and symbolically? Along this line must the investigation be directed. The following facts are self-evident:

1. The degrees of Royal and Select Masters are in their historical setting, in their symbolism, in the story they unfold, in their phraseology, intimately, even inseparably connected with the Master's Degree and the Royal Arch. There are no degrees in any other system or Rite to which they can, by the widest stretch of the imagination, be made dependent or explanatory.

2. It necessarily follows that these Degrees owe their birth to the York Rite or, better, to the Anglo-Saxon Rite.

3. The intimate connection and absolute dependence of the Select Master's Degree upon the Royal Arch will, of necessity, place its origin after the fabrication of the Royal Arch Degree, some time after 1740. The Royal Arch was first conferred, under Lodge Warrants, by lodges on the registry of the Grand Lodge (Ancients) of England. Evidently at a later period the Royal Arch was incorporated among the list of degrees by the Grand Lodge (Moderns) of England. At the union of these two Grand Lodges in 1813, the Royal Arch was recognized as the fourth degree of Ancient Craft Masonry.

4. Every system, or Rite, must have a central thought or goal idea. This is true before it can merit the name of a Rite of Freemasonry. The York or Anglo-Saxon Rite has pre-eminently this goal idea in the loss, recovery and interpretation of the Word. The Rite must have at least a Master's Degree and a Royal Arch typifying the loss and recovery.

5. In this Rite the recovery is exemplified by slightly varying ceremonies. In the Royal Arch of Pennsylvania, Canada, England, Ireland and Scotland the discovery bearing the Word is a pedestal or altar. In the ritual of all Grand

Chapters under the General Grand Chapter, the discovery is the "Imitation Ark" with its contents and Word. Which is the older?

6. In the Select Master's Degree as exemplified in our ritual, the "Imitation Ark" figures prominently, and it can readily be seen that these ceremonies would have to be changed to fit the Royal Arch of Pennsylvania and others.

7. If the "Imitation Ark" is the original ceremony of the Select Master's Degree, then the history of the origin of this degree depends on the origin of the use of the "Imitation Ark" and not the pedestal or altar.

8. If the "Imitation Ark" is peculiar to Royal Arch Masonry as promulgated by the General Grand Chapter, then the Royal and Select Degrees are of American origin.

9. The source of the Cryptic Degrees depends on when the Royal Arch, with its "Imitation Ark" was first used. Which is the older Royal Arch, that of Pennsylvania and the British Empire, or that as promulgated by the General Grand Chapter? The origin of the Cryptic Degrees is either American or English.

It is to the solution of this question that the investigation must be directed before the riddle is solved. This will require time and a research in old records, rituals and monitors.

SUPER-EXCELLENT DEGREE

By Hugh H. Kendall, M. I. G. M. of New York

The Super-Excellent degree has been discussed and urged by many Grand Masters of the past. It is doubtful if its relationship and importance in Ancient Craft Masonry is fully understood. We have advanced a considerable extent in the use of this degree. We are becoming more familiar with it, and a much larger number of Councils than former-

ly are conferring it. The year passed has added to that number.

The degree of Super-Excellent Master seems a most important one in Ancient Craft Masonry. Without it the Royal Arch degree is as impossible as it is impossible without the Select Master degree. Why the Super-Excellent is not required is not readily comprehended. For too long has it been buffeted about without due sense of the important place it occupies in Masonic symbolism.

It seems imperative that the Super-Excellent should become a required degree in the Council, for without it the entire structure cannot stand; and this Grand Council assume a definite jurisdiction over it, insisting that it be conferred upon all Royal and Select Masters.

Such action may seem revolutionary and premature, but the day is not far distant when the necessity of such action must be recognized. A degree so important, so beautiful, and one so fraught with drama and opportunity, is of too great value to be neglected. Its full use would serve tremendously in the construction of a greater Cryptic Rite.

Did any of the other Masonic Grand Bodies possess this degree it would not be allowed to rest quietly with indifferent attention, but would become one of the great degrees, if not the greatest, of such body having jurisdiction over it. The Grand Jurisdiction of Ohio has largely builded much of its great structure of nearly 40,000 Cryptic Masons upon it.

Permit, if you will, an allegorical allusion. Consider, if you will, the mystery of human life—its creation in body; the soul implanted; an existence for a time and then the destruction of the body; the living on of the soul until its final release at resurrection.

The substance of life and death—the creation and destruction—were concrete and known to be. All else was mystery; and that mystery a divine truth to be ever sought. In the seeking were established symbols, and through alle-

gory were devised initiations, all of which were enacted drama to illustrate the progression from creation to resurrection.

Thus all early religions were founded on a seeking for this divine truth, and were inspired by fear and hope. All early mysteries were illustrative of the known and the sought, through symbols and allegory; and all were exemplifications of life, death, burial and resurrection. Masonry itself seems exactly this; and the entire Ancient Craft system—Blue Lodge—Chapter—Council—is the most wonderful and greatest of all allegories for in its entirety it is a developed sequence in continuation of the great idea.

The course of life gives us that wonderful structure—a human body—a being created. This is a casing—a shell—with its adjunctive parts. Within this shell, down in its secret self, is implanted a soul—the intelligence and very tenet of the being. This being continues on for a term of years when the casing or shell is destroyed, but within its unknown recesses the soul lives on until resurrection and eternal life.

In Ancient Craft Masonry is parallel this idea; and it is illustrated in allegory. This allegory in its natural sequence promulgates a chain of degrees, some of which are adjunctive parts only. The great features, creation, the implanting of the soul, destruction of the casing, and resurrection are the cardinal points; all others being relative only. These cardinal features, in the allegory, are symbolized and portrayed through the Master Mason—Select Master—Super-Excellent Master—and Royal Arch degrees. The whole can permit of but these four epochs, or degrees, taken in the order of their occurrence, not in the usual Masonic sequence which is in the order of their discovery.

Master Mason symbolizes creation in the building of the Temple, which is the shell—the casing; and Select Master, coincident with it, symbolizes the implanting of the soul in

its deposit of divine truth, in form the tenet and very soul of Masonry.

Super-Excellent Master symbolizes the destruction of the Temple, after years of vicissitudinous life; that is the destruction of the shell or casing, but away within the foundation, intact, unharmed, preserved from destruction lie the sacred tenets—the soul of Masonry.

Royal Arch symbolizes the resurrection—the finding of divine truth in these tenets or soul of Masonry. It symbolizes the new life within its new Temple. That is why it may be said that the Royal Arch degree is the summit of Ancient Craft Masonry.

As without creation and life there can be no death; as without death there can be no resurrection; as without implanting of the soul, which can not die, there can be no future life, so without the building of the first Temple and its DESTRUCTION there could be no second Temple; so without both Select Master and Super-Excellent Master degrees there can be no Royal Arch.

The allegory pictures and teaches the concrete or known; the process of seeking the unknown; and the believed finding of the sought, through the chain of enacted symbolism. All must be known and understood to comprehend its entirety else all falls, and fails in the accomplishment of its great motive. If we accept our Masonic legend—and we must accept all or reject all—then does Masonic symbolism have a deeper significance, in its teachings, through allegory of divine truth. In the course of the dual existence—to gain the second—there must be death, the infallible; and in the Masonic allegory it is portrayed by the Super-Excellent degree. Is not, therefore, the Super-Excellent an essential degree in our modern exemplification of Masonic Rites—the Allegory through which Masonry expresses its idea?

The entire fabric of the Ancient Craft structure seems to be a beautiful symbolism relating life's story and a future existence, through allegory; with little doubt of the right-

ful position of the Super-Excellent degree in the legendary sequence; or of its philosophical value as an instrument in the process.

This great degree may or may not be an enlargement of a section of the Royal Arch, which of itself was once an enlargement of the Master's degree. It may or may not have been a once Scottish Rite annex. Its early control is of no great consequence with regard to its relationship. The American Rite has created its own classification. It may or may not properly belong among Cryptic degrees, still it symbolizes an epoch in a great allegory; and if that allegory portrays a teaching it must contain a void without the Super-Excellent or an equivalent substitute.

In the Proceedings for 1917, at the close of Foreign Correspondence, R. Ill . . Companion OSSIAN LANG gives a forceful reasoning for the true position of the Super-Excellent in its practical relationship; and for its essential use in the Cryptic Rite. This expression from one so pregnant with Masonic lore and legend, philosophy and wisdom is of great value and should have thoughtful attention.

You are urged, Companions, to consider well the true relationship of our Super-Excellent degree; and to deliberate thoughtfully as to the final place you will assign it in our Cryptic regulations.

The committee on ritual has given, and is giving, much time, thought, study and attention to the Super-Excellent degree. When this committee shall have made its final report, and that report is adopted, embodying a ritual for this degree that may well portray its function, then may your deliberations be justified in placing this superb degree in its proper place of requirement.

In some sections of the State two, three and four Councils are all near to each other. Some of these confer the Super-Excellent and some are not so well equipped for so doing. Splendid results would come from grouping, in union assembly, for the purpose of conferring it. A union as-

sembly of nearby Councils jointly conferring this degree would result in much good to all Councils participating.

If larger Councils well equipped for the degree, would invite their neighboring and less fortunate Councils to participate with them, much stimulus would be added to the enthusiasm; a great aid extended to the smaller neighbor, and a splendid movement accomplished toward Cryptic development.

STATE OF THE RITE AND FOREIGN COMMUNICATIONS

By Companion Nelson Williams, of Ohio.

To the Most Puissant General Grand Council:

Your Committee on State of the Rite and Foreign Communications, submits the following report:

We have carefully read and duly considered the address of the Most Puissant General Grand Master, and the reports of the General Grand Treasurer and General Grand Recorder. In addition to this, your committee, through its chairman, has had the opportunity of reviewing the printed proceedings of every Grand Council in the world in affiliation with this General Grand Council, as well as of those Grand Councils not in affiliation with this General Grand Council and commonly known as the Independent Grand Councils, and from all of the information thus obtained we are able to report that the condition of the Cryptic Rite all over the world is at this time, with a very few exceptions, not only most satisfactory, but really above and beyond what might reasonably be expected.

At the date of our last Triennial Assembly war clouds were hanging low over all the world, spreading somberness and gloom over mankind everywhere, and striking terror to

the souls of men. America had been drawn into the frightful vortex and her brave sons were falling by the thousands. As the conflict was on foreign soil, it drew away from America the flower of her young manhood, and this, of necessity, withdrew from our many Council jurisdictions the young men to whom our Councils were looking for their future activity and prosperity.

The prospect was, therefore, anything but bright, and there can be but little question that if conditions had remained as they were at that time, your committee would have had a far different report to make at this time.

To the great joy of all America, aye, indeed, of all the world, an armistice was declared within sixty days after the close of our Triennial Assembly, and our boys began their long journey home. Thousands of them already had gone to their final home, and their bodies were resting in the blood stained soil of France, but hundreds of thousands, more fortunate, were able to return to their homes and renew their former vocations and activities. This suddenly changed a gloomy into a bright prospect. Labor was winning a rich reward, and prosperity seemed to be abroad in the land. Freemasonry for some reason, seemed to be more attractive than ever before, and our doors seemed to be swinging more freely than ever before, as a result of which every branch of Freemasonry has had a wonderful growth, if measured by numbers alone.

The Cryptic Rite has had its full share of this unprecedented growth in membership, and many of our Grand Councils have shown remarkable activity since our last Triennial Assembly. In the Grand Council of Ohio alone, the net increase in membership for the last three years has been 14,199, or nearly three times the total membership of that Grand Council at the end of the first seventy years of its existence, and there has been a gain of more than 600 per cent in that Grand Council in the last twenty years. What is true of the Grand Council of Ohio is true of nearly every other Grand Council for the last Triennial period, but

in a less marked degree. Nor has this activity been peculiar to those Grand Councils in affiliation with this Grand Council, but our companions of the Independent Grand Councils are likewise marveling at the wonderful increase in their membership. The Grand Council of England and Wales is no exception to the rule, and reports unusual activity over there.

Your committee is of the opinion that several causes have co-operated to bring about the present satisfactory and gratifying condition of the Cryptic Rite. Chief among these is the awakened interest shown in every branch of Freemasonry throughout the world, as hereinbefore mentioned. Interest usually begets activity; activity always arouses enthusiasm, and with enthusiasm steadily maintained, wonders can be accomplished. Another reason for our present prosperity is the fact, and we believe it to be a fact, that Councils and Grand Councils throughout the world have been placing the Cryptic degrees on a much higher plane than heretofore. The feeling is growing stronger every day that we have been spending entirely too much time in praying for help from a so-called higher order, and not devoting enough energy to proper efforts to help ourselves. We write the word "Finis" to the beautiful legendary story which has its beginning in the Entered Apprentice Degree, and its ending in the Secret Vault, and in everything else in life, the story is incomplete without the closing chapter.

We believe that more time and energy should be spent in honest, conscientious, consistent and persistent effort to confer the degrees in an impressive manner, and less time spent in an endeavor to thrust our company upon those who do not seem to want us.

The Royal and Select Degrees, when properly understood and impressively conferred, have much to commend them to the thoughtful and intelligent Mason, and it is only necessary to bring out their beauties and emphasize their teachings, to make them attractive to all who care to travel

along our mystic avenue. Of course we have in mind those who enjoy Freemasonry for what it is, and not those who are hurrying along to don the panoply of war, or slake their thirst for fun in some oasis in the desert.

Then, too, there can be no question now but that the lengthening and dramatization of the ritual of the Super-Excellent Master Degree, and the insistence by Grand Councils that their subordinates confer it at least once a year, has created an interest in the Cryptic System never before shown. It may be that the Super-Excellent Master Degree, with its impressive lessons of Faith, Friendship and Fidelity, has no proper place in the Cryptic System, but its teachings are consistent with the fundamental principles of Freemasonry, and in fact emphasize them, illustrate them and beautify them in an interesting and impressive manner, which makes the degree very attractive, and there seems to be no good reason why the degree should not be recognized and fostered by the several Grand Councils.

There is entirely too little Faith, too little Friendship, too little Fidelity in this old world today, and Cryptic Masons, wheresoever dispersed, should welcome anything not inconsistent with the history, rituals and lessons of Royal and Select Degrees, which will teach us to have faith in our fellowmen; extend to them the warm hand of friendship, and at all times be true to every trust reposed in us.

The organization of the new Grand Council of the District of Columbia and its affiliation with this General Grand Council is a matter for sincere congratulation. We give royal welcome to this lusty infant of our Cryptic household, and bespeak for it your fraternal good will and best wishes. Because of its limited jurisdiction it may never become as strong and vigorous as some other Grand Councils, but its pluck and courage are entitled to commendation, and its desire to be in good society is worthy of imitation.

The Independent Grand Councils are still quite independent, and it looks as if they might continue so for some time. They are still playing by themselves outside the

GRAND OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES 1922-1923

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The Sixty-fifth Annual Assembly of the Grand Council of Michigan will be held in the City of Flint on Monday, May 14th, 1923, at 4:00 o'clock P. M. central standard time.

Recorders of Subordinate Councils must send their Returns and Dues to the Grand Recorder before January 7, 1923.

CHARLES A. CONOVER,
Grand Recorder.